

Death Sentence Possible



Joshua Komisarjevsky, charged in a deadly 2007 home invasion in Cheshire, Conn. The trial of Komisarjevsky, who is charged with a gruesome home invasion opened Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 with a defense attorney telling the jury that the evidence will "shake your very confidence in humanity." (AP Photo/Connecticut State Police, File)

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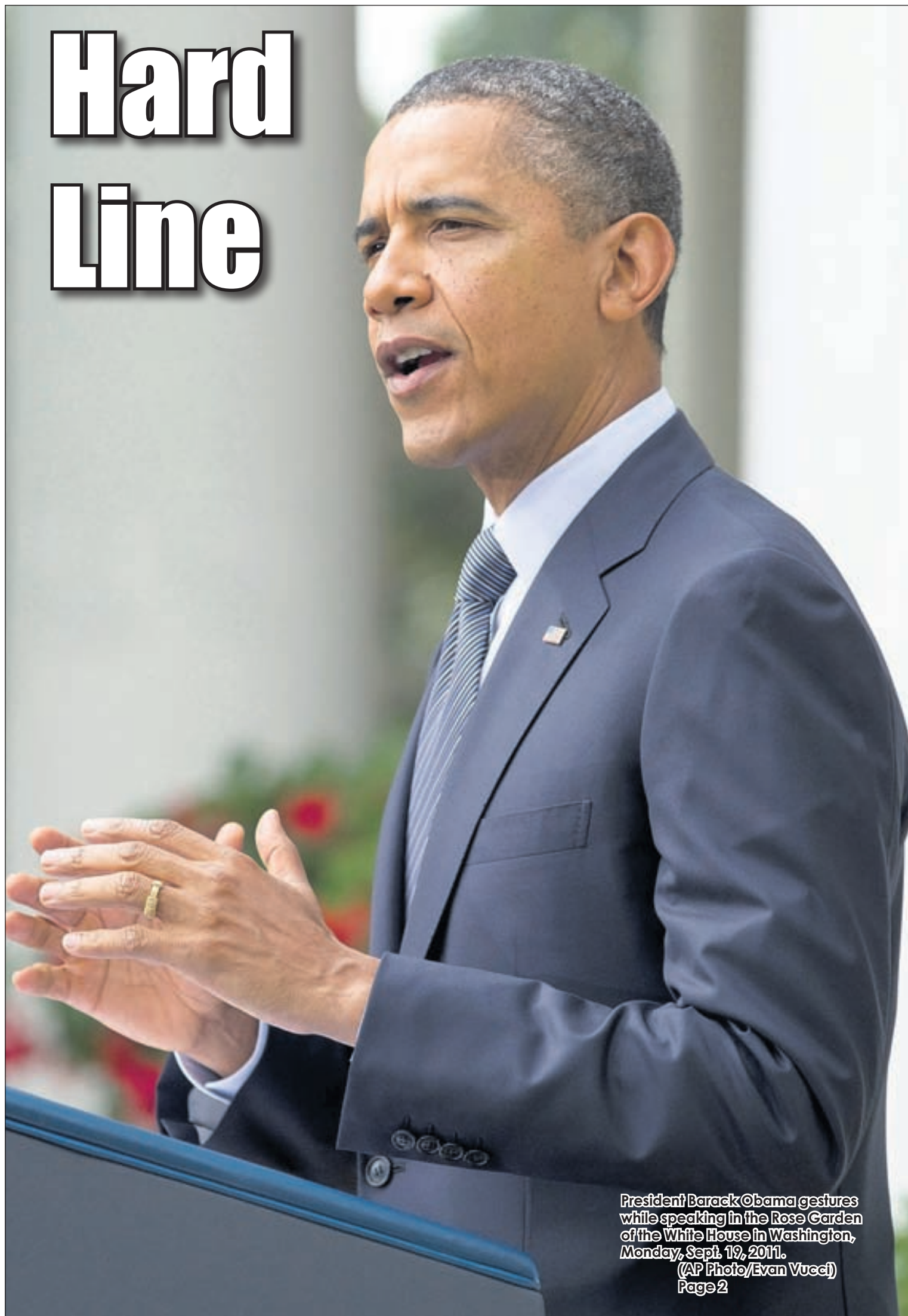
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NEW HAVEN, Connecticut

(AP) — A man is heading to trial for a harrowing home invasion in an affluent suburb that left a mother and her two daughters dead and so unsettled this liberal-leaning state that the crime played a key role in halting momentum to abolish the death penalty. Joshua Komisarjevsky, whose trial starts Monday in New Haven Superior Court, faces a possible death sentence if he's convicted. His co-defendant, Steven Hayes, was sentenced to death last year.

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Hard Line



President Barack Obama gestures while speaking in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)
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Obama signals new hard line on debt relief

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WASHINGTON — With a scrappy unveiling of his formula to rein in the nation's mounting debt, President Barack Obama confirmed Monday that he has entered a new, more combative phase of his presidency, one likely to last until next year's election as he battles for a second term. Faced with falling poll numbers for his leadership and an anxious party base, Obama did not just propose but insisted that any long-term debt-reduction plan must not shave future Medicare benefits without also raising taxes on the wealthiest taxpayers and corporations. He uncharacteristically backed up that stand with a veto threat, setting up a politically charged choice for anti-tax Republicans — protect the most affluent or compromise to



Specialists watch President Barack Obama's Rose Garden speech on a screen at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

attack deficits. Confident in the answers most voters would offer, Obama plans to hammer on that choice through 2012, reflecting the fact that the White House has all but given up hopes of a "grand bargain" with Republicans to restore fiscal balance for years to come. "I will not support — I will not support — any plan that puts all the burden for closing our deficit on ordi-

nary Americans. And I will veto any bill that changes benefits for those who rely on Medicare but does not raise serious revenues by asking the wealthiest Americans or biggest corporations to pay their fair share," Obama said in the Rose Garden. "We are not going to have a one-sided deal that hurts the folks who are most vulnerable." Obama also seems to have given

up on his strategy of nearly a year, beginning when Republicans won control of the House last November, of being the eager-to-compromise "reasonable adult" in his relations with them. He had sought to build a personal relationship with Speaker John A. Boehner of Ohio, a man the White House saw as a possible partner across the aisle, in the hopes of making bipartisan progress and simultaneously winning points with independent voters who disdain partisanship. Even if the efforts produced few agreements with Republicans, the White House figured, independents would give Obama credit for trying. Instead, the president was unable to close his deal with Boehner and has only lost independents' support and left Democrats disillusioned, raising doubts about his re-election prospects. So after his initial two years of

dealing with an economic and financial crisis while pursuing an activist social agenda with Democrats in control of the House and Senate, and then a frustrating third year sharing power with Republicans, Obama now begins writing a third chapter for his term's final 15 months that is not the one he had in mind.

"It is fair to say we've entered a new phase," said Dan Pfeiffer, Obama's communications director. But he disputed what he called the conventional wisdom behind the president's shift. "The popular narrative is that we sought compromise in a quixotic quest for independent votes. We sought out compromise because a failure to get funding of the government last spring and then an extension the debt ceiling in August would have been very bad for the economy and for the country," Pfeiffer added. □

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Bachmann says vaccine claim not hers

THOMAS BEAUMONT

Associated Press

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Michele Bachmann said Monday she was not arguing that a vaccine intended to prevent cervical cancer caused mental retardation when she repeated the scientifically unfounded claim last week.

The Minnesota congresswoman said she was relaying what a distraught woman told her after a GOP presidential debate in Florida in which Bachmann criticized rival Rick Perry for ordering the vaccine in Texas. "All I was doing is relaying what a woman had said," Bachmann told The Associated Press after touring a manufacturer in Waterloo. "I relayed what she said. I wasn't attesting to her accuracy. I wasn't attesting to anything." During the debate, Bachmann accused Perry, the governor of Texas, of abusing his authority by signing a 2007 executive order requiring school-age girls to be vaccinated against human papillomavirus, a sexually transmitted disease that can cause cancer. After the debate, she



Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., said Monday she was not arguing that a vaccine intended to prevent cervical cancer caused mental retardation when she repeated the scientifically unfounded claim last week.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

described an encounter with a woman she says approached her.

"There's a woman who came up crying to me tonight after the debate. She said her daughter was given that vaccine," Bachmann said on Fox News. "She told me her daughter suffered mental retardation as a result. There are very dangerous consequences."

Perry said he erred by not seeking legislative approval but stood by the

aim of preventing cancer. Campaigning in Iowa last week, he said Bachmann's comment after the debate was unwise "when she had no scientific backing, to say the very least."

Bachmann has criticized Perry in recent weeks, in hopes of reviving her struggling presidential bid. His entry into the race in mid-August halted her ascent after she had won the Iowa Straw Poll, an important test vote. The state's presidential caucuses begin the nominating process.

In Sheffield on Monday, Bachmann criticized Perry's opposition to building a fence on the U.S.-Mexican border and his support for in-state tuition benefits for children of illegal immigrants.

"I do not believe that American taxpayers should be subsidizing benefits for people who are in this country illegally or for their children," she said.

Bachmann was visiting manufacturing plants in northern Iowa to emphasize the issue of jobs. She found herself answering questions from reporters about comments by her former campaign manager, Ed Rollins. □

Jury to decide fate of warden's wife

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Associated Press

MANGUM, Oklahoma (AP) — Seventeen years after the wife of an Oklahoma prison warden disappeared with a convicted killer, jurors finally will begin deciding this week whether she was kidnapped or ran away with him to build a new life on an east Texas chicken ranch.

Bobbi Parker's long, winding trial that took the entire summer to complete — and included nearly 80 witnesses and more than 800 pieces of evidence in an effort to reconstruct their high-profile disappearance Aug. 30, 1994 — boils down to one central question for jurors: Did she fall in love with now-dead Randolph Franklin Dial or did Dial drug the woman and take her from the Oklahoma State Reformatory as his hostage?

Because of Greer County's small population, and the fact that the prison is the community's largest employer, it took weeks to pick a jury prior to the 2½ months needed to present evidence.

"I've not been involved in a trial that has lasted this long," said Assistant District Attorney David Thomas, the lead prosecutor. "There are so many witnesses."

After a tip to a television anti-crime show, police captured Dial April 4, 2005, in Campti, Texas, and found Parker working in a nearby chicken house. Both maintained Dial kidnapped the woman, but Oklahoma authorities filed charges against Parker the day before the statute of limitations ran out on a claim that she helped him

leave.

As closing arguments began Monday, assistant prosecutor Eric Yarborough said there was no evidence Parker was intoxicated or drugged as defense attorney Garvin Isaacs had claimed. "The intoxication in this case was love," Yarborough said. "She chose freedom with Randolph Franklin Dial. Was it a good choice? Probably not. Was it a bad choice? Absolutely." Reviewing photos of items taken from Dial and Parker's mobile home — including love letters, condoms and a sex toy — Yarborough said Dial and Parker lived together as husband and wife. Even before his escape, the prosecutor said, an inmate saw Dial and Parker behaving inappropriately while working "day in, day out" in a prison pottery program she ran from her garage.

Isaacs described Dial as a "sick, sociopathic egomaniac" and questioned why Parker would leave her family, including her two daughters.

"That won't fit. Bobbi Parker isn't going to do anything that will break up her family," Isaacs said.

Isaacs displayed photos of Parker's family on a projection screen and said she's "a mother who loves her daughters."

Isaacs questioned the testimony of several prosecution witnesses who said they saw Parker and Dial together in inappropriate situations. Those witnesses include former Oklahoma State Reformatory Warden Jack Cowley, who testified he saw Parker and Dial on a front porch swing at the deputy warden's house. □

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Helicopter crash kills 2 Marines

CAMP PENDLETON, California (AP) — A helicopter that went down during a training exercise at Southern California's Camp Pendleton killed two Marines and set off a fast-moving brush fire on the base Monday. Base firefighters were battling the blaze, which had spread to 50 acres (20 hectares) three hours after the 1 p.m. accident. The wreck involved a twin-engine, two-seat attack helicopter belonging to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, a Marine Corps statement said. It in the southeast corner of the base near the community of Fallbrook, and the fire was moving near the base's border with the town of De Luz, the Marine Corps statement said. The base's firefighters were using air tankers to fight the fire. The Marines died at the scene. Their names won't be released until their families have been notified, officials said. Several accidents have happened in recent months involving Marine Corps training in Southern California, including a fatal accident in July. In August, two Marines were ejected from their F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet as it plunged toward the Pacific Ocean. The two Marines spent four hours in the dark, chilly ocean before they were rescued. Both suffered broken bones and are undergoing rehabilitation at a San Diego hospital. In July, a decorated Marine from western New York was killed during a training exercise when his UH-1Y helicopter went down in a remote section of Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego. Another Hornet sustained at least \$1 million damage when its engine caught fire on March 30 aboard the USS John C. Stennis during a training exercise about 100 miles (160 kilometers) off the San Diego coast. Eight sailors, a Marine and two civilians were injured. □

Last wrongful death lawsuit from 9/11 settled

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The last wrongful death lawsuit remaining from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has been resolved with a settlement, an attorney for the family of a passenger on a plane that was flown by hijackers into the World Trade Center's south tower, said Monday. The family of Mark Bavis decided to settle after making public as much information as they could about what they viewed as security lapses on Sept. 11, 2001, at Boston's Logan Airport, where United Airlines Flight 175 originated, attorney Donald Migliori said. He said the family had decided to settle as it became clear that a trial scheduled to begin Nov. 7 would be limited to three weeks. He said they had wanted to use the trial as a forum to make public as much information as possible about airport and airline security on 9/11. In a statement, United Airlines said: "The tragic events of 9/11 impacted all of us, and we are pleased to resolve this case." A security company also named in the lawsuit did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday. □



A woman places her hand on a name etched in the wall of one of the pools at the 9/11 memorial plaza in the World Trade Center site in New York. The last wrongful death lawsuit remaining from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has been resolved with a settlement, an attorney said Monday.

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Freedmen vote could sway Cherokee chief election

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Associated Press

TULSA, Oklahoma (AP) — In a rare move by the government, a federal judge will delve in to the interworking of an American Indian tribe this week by deciding whether to allow the descendants of slaves once owned by members of the Cherokee Nation to vote in the tribe's embattled election for chief.

A special election being held Saturday was ordered by the tribe's highest court after recounts from a flawed election in June were reversed several times, with the longtime

chief and his challenger each being declared the winner twice. Tribal experts believe the slave descendants — known as freedmen — could swing the vote to new leadership of one of the country's largest tribes. U.S. District Judge Henry H. Kennedy will hear arguments Tuesday in Washington, D.C., from attorneys for the freedmen, who are suing to keep their right to vote and other tribal benefits after tribe members voted to cut them off. They're asking for a preliminary injunction, which would allow freedmen to vote like other members of

the tribe Saturday. The election challenges had been playing out in the tribe's court system until the freedmen sued, citing an 1866 treaty with the federal government that they argue guarantees their tribal rights. That pushed the case into the federal courts. The federal government warned the Cherokees this month to reinstate the freedmen, saying Saturday's election would be illegal if they weren't allowed to vote.

Chad Smith, who was chief until a temporary replacement was named after the June election, has actively

campaigned for the last decade to remove non-Cherokee freedmen from the tribe's voter rolls. His challenger, longtime tribal councilman Bill John Baker, also backed their removal but not as vocally.

Although no official breakdown exists, attorneys for the freedmen estimate that between 330 and 500 freedmen voted during that election. The tribe initially announced Smith had won by 11 votes, but subsequent tallies had the margins at seven, 266 and five votes. "My impression is that an overwhelming majority of the freedmen would be supporting Bill John Baker," said attorney Ralph Keen Jr., who is representing the freedmen in tribal court. "They feel like the past administration was so staunchly opposed to their rights that any change would be a change for the better." After ballots were counted a fifth time from the June election, the tribe's Supreme Court said it couldn't be sure the tally was correct and ordered a new election. But in the meantime, it upheld a 2007 vote by tribe members to revoke the freedmen's suffrage rights after three-fourths of voters favored doing so. The Cherokee Nation has about 300,000 members, making it Oklahoma's largest tribe and one of the largest tribes in the U.S. About 2,800 freedmen held tribal rights after fighting for years to regain citizenship privileges that they believe were granted to them under the 1866 treaty, which gave the freedmen and their descendants "all the rights of native Cherokees." □



In this undated photo released by the U.S. Marshals Service, Veniamin Gonikman is shown. The 55-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen was arrested in his native Ukraine in January 2011 and sent to the U.S. for prosecution in a human trafficking case involving forcing Eastern European women to work as strippers in the U.S. (AP Photo/United States Marshals Service)

Man accused in eight U.S. slayings guilty in 1st trial

GALESBURG, Illinois (AP) — A U.S. man accused of killing eight people in a two-state killing spree has been convicted at his first trial. Accused spree killer Nicholas Sheley was found guilty Monday of murdering 65-year-old Ronald Randall of Galesburg.

Randall was one of eight people in Illinois and Missouri investigators say were bludgeoned to death in June 2008.

Investigators say a 93-year-old man found in the trunk of his car was the first person killed. The bodies of three adults and a 2-year-old were found days later in an Illinois apartment. Randall was found that day behind a grocery store and an Arkansas couple were found behind a gas station south of St. Louis.

Police say Sheley knew some in the apartment, but the rest of the killings appeared to be random. □



Nicholas Sheley is led out of the Knox County courthouse in Galesburg, Ill., on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, after being found guilty of seven counts of first-degree murder in the June 2008 death of 65-year-old Ronald Randall. Sheley also was convicted of two counts of aggravated vehicular hijacking and one count of possession of a stolen vehicle. Sheley has pleaded not guilty in five other Illinois killings and in the deaths of an Arkansas couple in Missouri.

(AP Photo/The Register-Mail, Steve Davis)

Jury told of forced work

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two Ukrainian brothers charged with luring desperate villagers to the United States and enslaving them went on trial Monday in Philadelphia in a case that opens a window into the hidden world of human trafficking. Prosecutors say the victims were promised \$500 a month, but instead were given little food or money for their 16-hour days cleaning stores and offices across the Mid-Atlantic. Authorities say the Botsvynuk family operated a criminal racketeering enterprise. Recruits who tried to flee were beaten, raped or threatened, or had threats made against their families back home, Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall Hsia said. □

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US board considers high-profile inmate's case

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Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Supporters of Troy Davis made a last-ditch effort Monday to stop his execution for the 1989 murder of an off-duty Savannah police officer, asking the Georgia pardons board to grant him clemency. The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles, which has the power to change death sentences but rarely does, did not issue an immediate decision. A spokesman for the panel said they would not decide before Tuesday. Defense attorneys and the victim's family both said they were cautiously optimistic the five-member panel would side with them. Davis, 42, has long claimed he's innocent of killing Mark MacPhail, and the questions surrounding his case have attracted a host of high-profile supporters. After decades of legal wrangling, Davis is set to be put to death by lethal injection Wednesday, the fourth time in four years the state has tried to execute him. Inside the closed-door meeting, a parade of attorneys and supporters asked the board to spare Davis' life. Defense attorney Stephen Marsh said the legal team told the board there was too much substantial doubt about his guilt to allow the execution to go forward. Prosecutors and MacPhail's family presented their case on Monday afternoon. "A future was taken from me. A future we would have had together, the future he would have had with his family," said a

tearful Madison MacPhail, who was a toddler when her father was killed. "I be-

have backed off their testimony or recanted. Others who did not testify say an-

more time to review the case. A year later, it denied clemency and allowed his

execution to go forward. Since then, though, three new members have been appointed. "We are hopeful this tremendous outpouring of support will demonstrate there's such a huge concern about this case, and that this message will resonate with them," said Laura Moya of Amnesty International, who delivered thousands of petitions in support of Davis to the board last week. "The very reputation and faith that this public has in its justice system is on the line." Among those who support Davis' clemency request are former president Jimmy Carter and Pope Benedict XVI. A host of conservative figures have also advocated on his behalf, including former U.S. Rep. Bob Barr, ex-Justice Department official Larry Thompson and one-time FBI Director William Sessions. □



Protesters gather outside the building where Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles members are holding a hearing for death row inmate Troy Davis, in Atlanta, on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. Davis is scheduled to die Wednesday for the 1989 slaying of off-duty Savannah, Ga., police officer Mark MacPhail.

lieve the death penalty is the correct source of justice." Outside the hearing, dozens of Davis' supporters hoisted a massive "Save Troy Davis" sign and formed a makeshift drum line at one entrance to the building. At another entrance, other supporters were holding a somber prayer vigil on his behalf. Davis has captured worldwide attention because of the doubt his supporters have raised over whether he killed MacPhail, who was shot to death while rushing to help a homeless man who had been attacked. Several of the witnesses who helped convict him at his 1991 trial

other man at the scene admitted to the shooting. The U.S. Supreme Court even granted Davis a hearing to prove his innocence, the first time it had done so for a death row inmate in at least 50 years. The high court set up a hearing, but Davis couldn't convince a lower federal judge to grant him a new trial. The Supreme Court did not review his case. Federal appeals courts and the Georgia Supreme Court have upheld his conviction, leaving the parole board as his last chance. The pardons board in 2007 decided to delay Davis' execution for 90 days to grant the courts

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50 dead as protesters storm elite Yemen base

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SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Thousands of protesters backed by military defectors seized a base of the elite Republican Guards on Monday, weakening the control of Yemen's embattled president over this poor, fractured Arab nation. His forces fired on unarmed demonstrators elsewhere in the capital, killing scores, wounding hundreds and sparking international condemnation.

The protesters, joined by soldiers from the renegade 1st Armored Division, stormed the base without firing a single shot, according to witnesses and security officials. Some carried sticks and rocks.

They used sandbags to erect barricades to protect their comrades from the possibility of weapons fire from inside the base, but none came and the Republican Guards eventually fled, leaving their weapons behind.

Although the base was not particularly large — the Republican Guards have bigger ones in the capital and elsewhere in Yemen — its capture buoyed the protesters' spirits and signaled what could be the start of the collapse of President Ali Abdullah Saleh's 33-year-old regime.

"It was unbelievable," said protester Ameen Ali Saleh of storming the base on the west side of the major al-Zubair road, which runs through the heart of Sanaa. "We acted like it was us who had the weapons, not the soldiers."

"Now the remainder of the



Protesters throw rocks at an anti-riot vehicle during clashes with security forces, in Taiz, Yemen, Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. In the southern city of Taiz, at least one protester was killed and several others were wounded Monday in clashes between anti-regime demonstrators and security forces, according to witnesses.

(AP Photo/Anees Mahyoub)

regime will finally crumble," said another demonstrator, Mohammed al-Wasaby. "Our will is more effective than weapons. The soldiers loyal to Saleh

just ran away."

As clashes continued into the night, several loud explosions rocked Sanaa, and a mortar hit the Islamic University of Al-Iman,

killing one and injuring two others.

The cause of the explosions was not known.

Saleh went to Saudi Arabia for medical treatment after a June attack on his Sanaa compound and has not returned to Yemen, but has resisted calls to resign.

A final showdown may well pit the Republican Guards, led by Saleh's son and heir apparent Ahmed, against the soldiers of the 1st Armored Division, another elite outfit that has fought in all of Yemen's wars over the past two decades, and their tribal allies in the capital.

The Republican Guards and the Special Forces, also led by the president's son, have long been thought to be the regime's last line of defense against the seven-

month-old uprising.

The storming of the base capped two days of clashes in the capital that have left at least 50 people dead and nearly 1,000 injured, mostly demonstrators.

Government forces used snipers stationed on rooftops, anti-aircraft guns, rocket propelled grenades and mortars against the unarmed protesters. Witnesses and security officials described scenes of mutilated bodies, some torn apart. An infant girl, a 14-year-old boy and three rebel soldiers were among the at least 23 people killed on Monday.

"It is over," concluded protest leader Abdul-Hadi al-Azzai. "The Ali Abdullah Saleh regime is finished. How can you negotiate while massacres are ongoing? The world is silent." □

Libyan fighters take airport near pro-Gadhafi city

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TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Facing little resistance, revolutionary fighters captured the airport and other parts of a southern desert city that is one of the last remaining strongholds of Moammar Gadhafi's forces Monday, even as military offensives stalled to the north.

The capture of Sabha would be a welcome victory for Libya's new rulers, who have struggled to rout forces loyal to Gadhafi a month after sweeping into Tripoli and forcing the ousted leader into hiding. He has not been found.

A push to capture Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte and the mountain enclave of Bani Walid has stalled as well-armed forces loyal to the fugitive leader fight back fiercely with

rockets and other heavy weaponry. Libya's new rulers have frequently claimed gains only to find their forces beaten back.

A force of three southern brigades pushed its way into Sabha, deep in the Sahara Desert, on Monday.

"Our flags are waving there over the airport and other parts of Sabha," Col. Ahmed Bani, the military spokesman for the transitional government, told reporters in Tripoli. The airport is about four miles from the center of Sabha, 400 miles (650 kilometers) south of Tripoli.

Hassan Moussa Tabawi, a spokesman of three southern brigades that led the takeover of Sabha, told The Associated Press that revolutionary forces have control of most of the city but still face pockets of resistance in a few central neighborhoods occupied by Gadhafi

loyalists and Gadhafi's tribe.

"The airport is totally secure and many residential neighborhoods have raised the liberation flag," he said in a telephone interview from Sabha. The two sides clashed on Sunday night, but he said the anti-Gadhafi fighters planned to take the rest of the city on Tuesday morning.

Before the arrival of the new government's forces, he said, Sabha residents tried to rise up several times over the past seven months but were besieged by Gadhafi troops. "People were very happy to see us," Tabawi said.

Salam Kara, the Benghazi-based spokesman for Sabha's local council, said revolutionary forces also seized an old fort as well as a convention center and a hospital inside the city. □

Gunmen kill 36 at pub: Burundi

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BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP)

— Armed men from Congo burst into a pub in the central African nation of Burundi and killed 36 people, an official said Monday. One wounded man said an attacker yelled: "Make sure there's no survivors."

Burundi, a tiny nation still reeling from a civil war that killed more than 250,000 people, is awash in weapons but attacks like the one Sunday night are rare. Still, the region borders eastern Congo, which is wracked by violence from myriad rebel groups.

Bujumbura province governor Jacques Minani said the attackers targeted the pub in Gatumba, west of Burundi's capital, after crossing the river from Congo. He said 36 people were killed.

Survivor Jackson Kabura, who was shot in the stomach, said the men entered wearing military fatigues.

"One of them said, 'Kill them all, kill them all. Make sure there's no survivors,'" he said.

Congolese military spokesman Col. Sylvain Ekenge said officials were "astounded" by reports that the attackers were believed to be from his country.

He said the perpetrators are more likely to be from Burundi's last rebel army, the Forces for National Liberation. □

Palestinians will submit UN membership letter

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UNITED NATIONS (AP)

The Palestinians brushed aside heated Israeli objections and a promised U.S. veto Monday, vowing to submit a letter formally requesting full U.N. membership when Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas addresses the General Assembly.

As the Palestinians edged closer to seeking statehood recognition from the United Nations, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for Abbas to meet with him in New York. The Israel leader said he wanted to resume peace talks, upping the pressure on Abbas and building on the frenzied diplomacy swirling around the Palestinians bid. Regardless, Abbas said he had not been swayed by what he called "tremendous pressure" to drop the bid for United Nations recognition and instead to resume peace talks with Israel. Senior aides to the Palestinian leader said Abbas was undaunted by threats of punitive measures. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said, however, there was still time to find a solution to the diplomatic crisis.

Clinton told reporters in New York that the U.S. is talking with all sides to defuse the standoff, noting that the week was young

and there were still several days to seek compromise. She joined Netanyahu in calling for new talks and repeated the U.S. position that the only path to a separate state for Palestinians is through negotiations



Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Store, left, speaks to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the Millennium Hotel on 44th Street during the 66th session of the General Assembly in New York on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

(AP Photo/Andrew Burton)

with Israel.

Nabil Shaath, senior aide to Abbas, told The Associated Press that the Palestinian leader informed U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during their meeting Monday that he would present him with a letter requesting full membership on Friday, ahead of Abbas' speech to the General Assembly. Abbas also met with French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe and European foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton. Shaath said the secretary-general promised to

"speed up the discussion of the request." Earlier in the day, Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian observer to the U.N., said Abbas would submit the request after the speech.

Shaath said last ditch ef-

nitive measures but that they had decided to move ahead nonetheless.

The comment appeared to reflect the warnings by some in the U.S. Congress that current and future financial aid to the Palestinian Authority could be in jeopardy if they move ahead with the membership bid. The push at the world body is the first step to statehood for Palestinians who have for decades complained of being guests in their own land. Although any submission by the Palestinians wait weeks or months for the U.N. action, it has sparked a flurry of diplomatic activity with Mideast mediators scrambling to find a way to draw the two sides back to a negotiating table.

Each side in on-again-off-again Israeli-Palestinian talks have accused the other of being untrustworthy and intransigent participants in the peace process. In a statement, Netanyahu called on Abbas to begin "direct negotiations in New York and continue them in Jerusalem and Ramallah." □

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Hill chair asks for probe of solar firm

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WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said Monday that he wants an independent investigator to look into a loan guarantee the Energy Department approved for the now-bankrupt California company Solyndra LLC., manufacturer of solar panels.

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, wrote a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder asking for an outside lawyer to probe Solyndra's bankruptcy case to determine "whether politics played a role in influencing the Obama administration to favor Solyndra over more financially stable loan applicants." Solyndra, a Fremont, Calif., company, won a \$535 million loan guarantee from the Energy Department in March 2009. President Obama cited the guarantee as a model for how the government could invest in green energy. But the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last month, leaving taxpayers on the hook. Recent reports that one of the company's investors, George Kaiser, was a campaign-donation bundler for Obama in 2008 "have raised suspicion about the extent to which the Obama administration may have singled out Solyndra for special treatment," Smith wrote in the letter, a copy of which was obtained by Hearst Newspapers.

An independent investigator should also look into what led the Energy Department to extend and restructure Solyndra's loan in February to give private investors higher priority than the government on loan repayment, despite knowing that the company might not have had enough money to repay its loans on time, the lawmaker added. Smith asked Holder to appoint an outside investigator through the U.S. trustee's office, which can request one in bankruptcy court if there's suspicion of fraud or misconduct.

The U.S. trustee's office has received the letter and is reviewing it, Laura Sweeney, agency spokeswoman, said in a phone interview. She declined to comment further. Smith's letter comes after the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Republicans last week released Obama administration emails that they claimed showed the White House pushed to speed up financial review of the company's loan guarantee. Republicans have seized on the emails as well as the reports of assistance from Kaiser to the Obama campaign in 2008 in pointing to the loan guarantee as an example of "stimulus failure." "Before taxpayers are forced to spend another dime of stimulus money, the White House must explain why they were so reckless the first time around," Republican Party Chairman Reince Preibus said in a recent statement.

The Obama administration has pointed out that it wasn't the only party involved in the loan guarantee. "This loan guarantee was pursued by both the Bush and Obama administrations," Dan Leistikow, director of the Office of Public Affairs at the Energy Department, wrote in a blog posting in late August. □

Trial to start in gruesome Conn. home invasion case

Continued from Front

The paroled burglars broke into the home in Cheshire in July 2007, beat Dr. William Petit with a baseball bat and tied up his wife, Jennifer Hawke-Petit, and the couple's daughters, 11-year-old Michaela and 17-year-old Hayley, authorities say. Hayes forced

fire. Petit was also tied up but managed to escape to a neighbor's house to get help. Petit, who has not returned to work but has been heavily involved in charities for his family and campaigning for the death penalty and other laws, is expected to testify as he did at Hayes' trial. Hayes' trial was so gruesome that state officials

led some residents to buy guns, sparked a special session of the Legislature and a newly defined crime of home invasion. Gov. Dannel P. Malloy was elected last year as Connecticut's first anti-death penalty governor in more than 15 years, but the effort to abolish it this legislative session ended in May when two key senators said they would oppose repeal after meeting with Petit.

"This will be a reminder to Connecticut residents of that July day that stunned the state and actually altered the way it looked at itself," said Rich Hanley, graduate journalism director at Quinnipiac University who tracks current events. "Connecticut is a deeply suburban state which thinks of itself as safe from the ills of what many would say is urban America, the violence and that sort of behavior. But this case visited a quiet suburban neighborhood in a way that was unimaginable to the way the state sees itself."

Amid the outrage and sympathy for Petit, Komisarjevsky's attorneys have tried unsuccessfully to get the trial moved out of New Haven, to remove the judge and to keep Petit out of the court until he testifies. □



Dr. William Petit Jr. arrives at Superior Court in New Haven for the first day of the trial of Joshua Komisarjevsky in New Haven, Conn., Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. Petit is the sole survivor of the 2007 Cheshire, Conn., home invasion where his wife, Jennifer Hawke-Petit and their daughters, Hayley and Michaela, were murdered.

(AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

Hawke-Petit to withdraw money from a bank before he raped and strangled her in the family's home.

The girls, who had pillowcases placed over their heads, died of smoke inhalation after the house was doused with gas and set on

took the rare step of offering jurors counseling after some complained of nightmares. The jurors were shown autopsy pictures of the victims, photos of the girls' charred beds, rope, ripped clothing and ransacked rooms. The crime

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Party members demand probe in congressman slaying

SERGIO FLORES
Associated Press

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)

— Fellow party members of a slain Mexican congressman from southern Guerrero state published a letter in newspapers Monday demanding a local politician be investigated in the case. Efen Leyva, president of the Guerrero chapter of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, urged authorities to investigate state Rural Development Secretary Socorro Ramirez in the killing of Congressman Moises Villanueva and his driver. The outcry by state PRI members hasn't been echoed elsewhere in Mexico, where the slaying was viewed as a local crime in a state rife with political and drug violence.

Residents spotted the badly decomposed bodies in a river in the town of Huamuxtitlan and alerted police Saturday. The dead men had been missing since Sept. 4, after leaving a party held by a fellow PRI member in Villanueva's district.

Villanueva, 46, replaced Ramirez in Congress after he left the PRI earlier this year to join the leftist Democratic Revolution Party shortly before being named to his state government post.

"We publicly demand Socorro Sofio Ramirez Hernandez, rural development secretary for the government of Guerrero, be investigated because he is known to have pressured Villanueva at various times to subordinate him to his

personal interests," Leyva wrote.

Ramirez denied any involvement and said he would sue PRI members for slander.

"PRI members in Guerrero are being too politically perverse," Ramirez told Milenio Television on Monday. Guerrero state Attorney General Alberto Lopez

Two years ago, gunmen killed the state legislature's presiding lawmaker. The body of leftist Armando Chavarria, who was poised to be the next governor, was found in the passenger seat of a vehicle in the state capital of Chilpancingo. The case hasn't been solved.

In 2007, Guerrero state law-



In this photo released on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 by the Mexican Federal Congress, Mexican federal congressman Moises Villanueva, right, is sworn in as congressman in Mexico City, March 31, 2011. Police in southern Mexico said on Sunday they found the bodies of Villanueva and his driver, both missing since Sept. 4.

(AP Photo/Mexican Federal Congress)

said Ramirez was not being investigated in the case because there was no evidence pointing to his involvement.

Lopez also said police had not determined a motive in Villanueva's killing. He said that despite claims by PRI members, there was no proof that the congressman was kidnapped for ransom. Guerrero is a drug-plagued southwestern state that include the Pacific resort of Acapulco and it has seen a series of killings of politicians and political violence the last few years.

maker Jose Jorge Bajos of President Felipe Calderon's National Action Party was shot to death. Authorities blamed the politician who had been selected by Bajos as his alternate in the event he left office, accusing her of paying a hit man to kill Bajos so she could take the post.

"The general sense of impunity (in Guerrero) is even more so" than in the rest of Mexico, said John Ackerman at the legal research institute at the National Autonomous University in Mexico City. □

Girl says she was held, raped in Brazil men's jail

JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A 14-year-old girl has told police she was held and raped for four days by inmates after being taken inside a men's prison in northern Brazil.

The girl escaped early Saturday and sought help from a jail guard, who took her to the police, said Fabiano Amazonas, head of the juvenile division of police in Para state.

The director of Heleno Fragozo prison and 19 other people working there between Friday night and Saturday morning have been fired, Aycha Nunes, spokeswoman for the Para prison system, said. The decision became official Monday.

The teenager has testified she was drugged, beaten and taken by a woman along with two other teenagers into the prison, which is 26 miles (42 kilometers) from the state capital, Belem.

Amazonas said he believes the girl was taken into the prison by someone intending to charge prisoners money to have sex with her.

"She said she was abused by several inmates inside the prison, but managed to escape," he said.

Investigators are trying to determine who took the teenager into the prison, who allowed her entry, who participated in the alleged assault, and whether there were other girls involved.

On Saturday, the girl was handed over to the police's juvenile division, where she testified. She was also taken to a hospital so she could be examined for evidence, Amazonas said. The girl was then housed in a shelter.

The state's governor, Simao Jatene, ordered a wall built around the prison to increase security, according to a press statement issued Monday. The penitentiary works on a semi-open regimen, with inmates free to leave during the day. There is no fence, and the back of the building is surrounded by jungle.

The federal prosecutor's office in Belem said it has started an administrative investigation to learn where the system failed and prevent cases like this from happening again.

"The facts show a violation of human dignity, a disrespect of the basic rights of this child, a serious violation of human rights," said the regional federal prosecutor for civil rights, Alan Mansur Silva.

It is not the first case of a girl allegedly being abused inside a men's prison in Para state. □



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Venezuela deports 6 suspected traffickers

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela deported six suspected drug traffickers wanted in Colombia and the United States on Monday, touting the action as proof the government is making strides in fighting smuggling.

Those deported included two accused of belonging to Colombia's largest leftist rebel group.

They also included a U.S. citizen, Lionel Scott Harris, who is suspected of smuggling drugs to the United States, Asia and Europe. Harris, 67, was captured in March on Margarita Island, a popular tourist destination.

Venezuela is a major hub for gangs that smuggle Colombian cocaine, and U.S. officials have accused President Hugo Chavez's government of being lax in anti-drug efforts. Last week, President Barack Obama's

US citizen Scott Harris is escorted by police officers during his deportation to the US, Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. Harris is suspected of smuggling illegal drugs to the United States and Europe.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

administration classified Venezuela as a country that has "failed demonstrably" to effectively fight drug trafficking.

Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami dismissed that accusation, saying the U.S. has been spreading "pure lies" about Venezuela's counter-drug efforts.

"We're winning this battle and we're going to keep winning," El Aissami told reporters at a later event Monday.

El Aissami oversaw the deportations at Simon Bolivar International Airport as the handcuffed men were led to a waiting vehicle. □



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Group to use a tax framework to rebuild in green

JUSTIN GILLIS

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A business consortium that includes Lockheed Martin and Barclays plans to invest as much as \$650 million over the next few years to slash the energy consumption of buildings in the Miami and Sacramento areas. It is the most ambitious effort yet to jump-start a national market for energy upgrades that many people believe could eventually be worth billions.

Focusing mainly on commercial property at first, the group plans to exploit a new tax arrangement that allows property owners to upgrade their buildings at no upfront cost, typically cutting their energy use and their utility bills by a third. The building owners would pay for the upgrades over five to 20 years through surcharges on their property-tax bills, but that would be less than the savings.

The consortium is led by a company called Ygrene Energy Fund of Santa Rosa, Calif., which has already won an exclusive contract to manage a retrofit program for a half-dozen communities in the Miami area, with the city expected to join in a few weeks. It is in the late stages of completing a contract with Sacramento, and is seeking deals



The offices of the developer Coddling at the sustainable mix-use Sonoma Mountain Village, in Rohnert Park, Calif., Sept. 19, 2011. Focusing mainly on commercial property at first, a business consortium that includes Lockheed Martin and Barclays Capital bank, plans to exploit a new government-tax arrangement that allows property owners to upgrade their buildings at no up-front cost, typically cutting their energy use and their utility bills by a third.

(Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)

in other cities. State and city officials are optimistic they may have found a way to tackle one of the nation's biggest energy issues – waste in older buildings – without new money from Washington. If enough building owners sign on, private capital would be put to work paying for retrofit projects that promise to save local businesses money while creating thousands of new construction jobs.

"We are so used to reaching our hand out and saying, 'Washington, we need

this,' and 'Tallahassee, give us that,'" said Edward MacDougall, the mayor of Cutler Bay, Fla., a Miami suburb that took the lead in setting up the deal in that region. "This is really a home-grown mechanism where we don't need to do that."

The consortium was put together by the Carbon War Room, a nonprofit environmental group based in Washington set up by Richard Branson, the British entrepreneur and billionaire, to tackle the world's climate and energy problems in cost-saving ways. With the U.S. government nearly paralyzed on climate policy, he said, his group is seeking a way forward.

"We see this as the first of

hopefully many, many, many projects, and a big step in the right direction," Branson said in an interview last weekend in New York. In the past three years, half the states have passed legislation permitting energy retrofits financed by property-tax surcharges, and hundreds of cities and counties are considering such programs. While the situation poses some risks, and programs aimed specifically at homeowners have run into a snag, many jurisdictions are moving forward with plans to focus on commercial properties. Environmental groups have lauded the trend as one of the most exciting developments in years regarding climate change. They point out that wide use of such programs could cut emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide from power plants by reducing electricity demand.

"It's a big deal," said James D. Marston, head of energy programs for the Environmental Defense Fund, a group that has worked with Carbon War Room in developing the approach. Over the long haul, he said, "we're talking about tens of billions of dollars in investments, and energy savings that are 10 times that amount."

If you do this correctly, you would be able to shut down a third of the coal plants in the country."

While that may take a while, there seems to be little question that the new approach could draw substantial private capital into the market for energy upgrades, which have historically been difficult for many midsize and smaller businesses to finance. □



New facades, left, erected by the developer Coddling, at the sustainable mix-use Sonoma Mountain Village, in Rohnert Park, Calif., Sept. 19, 2011.

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Aruba Marriott Resort 2nd Quarter Celebration



PALM BEACH - The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino recently held the 2nd quarter celebration; this was done with a Mexican flair. Associates dressed in ponchos and their sombreros dancing and singing to the mariachi. It was a colorful evening where more than fifty associates were recognized for their outstanding performance. Kevin Schwab, Vice President and General Manager started the evening by congratulating all nominees. The All Star Team nominees of the 2nd quarter were announced first: Romaldo Geerman (Casino Pit), Adrianita Londono (Casino Pit), Eveline Tromp (Casino Beverage), Gerald de Freitas (Casino Accounting), Hugo Villacorta (Engineering Resort), Erwin Figaroa (Engineering Resort), Jasmin Akins (Beverage), Luis Leal (Room Service), Francis Petrochi (La Vista), Maria Sajul (Lobby Café), Alix Ramirez (Lobby Bar), Mirella Wernet (Lobby Café), Elieser Bello (Simply Fish), Cristina Kock (Housekeep-

ing Surf Club), Lucia Croes (Housekeeping Surf Club), Marco Perez (Housekeeping Ocean Club), Rosa Calzado (Housekeeping Ocean Club), Majolie St. Germaine (Housekeeping Resort), Denis Donata (Kitchen Ruth's Chris), Gabriel Ramirez (Kitchen), Miguel Carraquilla (Marketplace), Sandra Adams (Activities), Manny Burgos (Loss Prevention Resort), Natasha van der Linden (Front Office Ocean Club), Reuella Reeborg (Front Office Ocean Club), Louis Brice (Bellstand Surf Club), Linda Henriquez (Recreation MVCI), Hermina Whyte (Recreation Resort), Cristy-Ann Christiaan (Accounting), Shajir Croes (Systems), Edward Werleman (LP Resort), Pearl Eidsen (Human Resources), Norma Leung (Human Resources), Natividad Vrolijk (Loss Prevention). The winners of the All Star Team of the 2nd Quarter were: Nihaila Irausquin (Casino Marketing), Diego Noguera (Engineering Ocean Club), Andreina Baarh (Juice Bar),

Joan Durand (Housekeeping Surf), Nancy Escamilla (Kitchen), Hermina Whyte (Recreation Resort), Cristy-Ann Christiaans (Accounting). The Supervisors and managers of the 2nd quarter were also recognized after dinner with nachos, jalapenos, and guacamole!

Nominees for Supervisors of the 2nd Quarter were:

Davika Hoo (Front Office Resort), Yazira Feliciano (Casino Marketing), Mario v.d. Werf (Loss Prevention Ocean Club), Flora Naoe (Housekeeping Surf Club), Jaime Ariza (Housekeeping Surf Club), Karelys Hoevertsz (F&B MVCI). The first recipient of the Supervisor of the 2nd Quarter was Michael Kelly from the Engineering Resort. Michael has been recognized for his outstanding dedication to the engineering department. He has shown tremendously leadership initiatives over the last few months. He constantly showed a great sense of urgency in

responding to emergencies. He goes above and beyond his normal duties. The second recipient of the Supervisor of the 2nd Quarter was Roberto Mac Donald from the Recreation Department at MVCI. Roberto has stepped up to the plate in absence of a manager and has shown the drive to engage his staff. He has driven the Guest Satisfaction Scores in his area and has shown great commitment to his own development.

Followed we celebrated the Manager of the 2nd Quarter. Nominees were: Adolfo Bonarriva (Restaurant Manager), Eduard Renaud (Director of Purchasing), Adolf Everon (Casino Marketing), Roxanna Yrausquin (Housekeeping Surf Club), Soraya Lessire (Front Office Ocean Club), Lillian Britten (Executive Office Ocean Club), Terry Florez (Human Resources), Michael Koolman (Banquets). The first recipient of the Manager of the 2nd Quarter was Juliana Hernandez

from the Grounds Department. Juliana has been recognized for her true leadership and ownership. She has taken initiative to cross train and enhance her knowledge within the engineering department. Her Guest Satisfaction Scores have been above 90%. She consistently goes beyond the call of duty. The second recipient of the Manager of the 2nd Quarter was Claudia Sanchez - Executive Office Surf Club. Claudia has worked tirelessly on many different efforts. Breakthrough Leadership was one of her biggest efforts. She has taken true ownership of this initiative and has driven everyone in the same direction. She has also worked very hard in enhancing the guest experience which has shown great results. After all these wonderful recognitions, everyone danced the night away with Tsunami! The executive team would like to congratulate all the nominees and winners of the 2nd quarter. □

Aruba Music Explosion gearing up for Thursday



Michael Bolton and Air Supply on Aruba

ORANJESTAD - The 2011 Aruba Music Explosion is a three-day festival, which will offer a roster of popular performers to appeal to all ages of music fans.

Taking place over Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 22, 23 and 24, the AME will also host daytime beach parties at MooMba Beach Restaurant and Bar, where fans will have the opportunity to meet the stars; seven

internationally renowned performers will electrify audiences at the Piedra Plat Entertainment Center from 7:00 to 11:00 PM.

On Thursday, September 22 - Concert Day 1 - Michael Bolton and the two Russells, Graham Russell guitarist and Russell Hitchcock, better known as Air Supply.

On Friday, September 23 - Concert Day 2 - Friday night will feature multi-Billboard award winner Gilberto Santa Rosa, and from Puerto Rico, "The Woman of Fire" Olga Tañón, a multi-Grammy and Latin Grammy winner known for her hot Merengue and Latin Pop hits.

On Saturday, September 24 - Concert Day 3 - Saturday's final performance will feature Luis Fonsi, Felipe Peleaz and Servando & Florentino, the handsome balladeer Fonsi is a multi-threat award winner who writes and produces most of his work, and is a music idol to Latin people around the world. Felipe is one of the most popular performers to come out of Colombia. Servando and Florentino are the sons of an icon of the Venezuelan music industry, Ali Primera, also known as "The Voice of Venezuela". Tickets are available at S&E Enterprises at Paseo Herencia Mall, Valero Boulevard Gas Station, Hard Rock Café, CD's & More y na Spanglish. □

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Recently, at Casa Del Mar Beach Resort, vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests visiting Aruba for 10 and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the 'Distinguished Visitor' title and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the 'Goodwill Ambassador' title. The recent honoring were given by the Aruba Tourism Authority representative Marouska Heyliger at Casa Del Mar Beach Resort, their home away from home.

The following guests were honored: John and Eula Cooper from Gastonia, North Carolina as Goodwill Ambassadors, Harold and



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"Once called the resort 'where dreams come true' La Cabana has resurfaced with a bold new look and feel from the front lobby to the interior of every room," said Willie Mosconi, president of the Board of Directors.

La Cabana Beach and Racquet Club opened officially on Dec. 15, 1990 and enjoyed immediate success in its first year of operation 20 years ago in 1991.

"With the completion of this multi-year renovation project, La Cabana is moving into a rejuvenation of its historical place in Aruba's tourism industry," said Joe Najjar, general manager of the resort, who has overseen the renovation project from its inception including the planning, design and operation of the renovations.

The resort has an exciting new look and feel beginning at the arrival with the front façade and its newly built port au cache.

Inside sits the new lobby which was totally trans-



formed to re-welcome timeshare owners and transient hotel guests accentuated with glass and marble, a custom-made centerpiece artistic sculpture of water and fire and an elevator replacing the wooden stairs to the mezzanine. The new modern check-in area has been customized with separate check-in pods providing a more personalized and welcoming atmosphere. The original brilliant stained glass mural was safeguarded throughout the reconstruction of the lobby and serves as the backdrop for the remodeled lobby.

As art has now become a focus of the resort, management has agreed to feature four exhibitions of local artists in the new lobby over the next 12 months, beginning with the opening on Sept. 20. These art pieces will complement the centerpiece of the lobby as they will feature the four elements of earth, water, air and fire.

"This has been a delicate project in that we had to displace and accommodate our timeshare owners over a period of time which required juggling of reser-

ventions on a regular basis," Najjar said. "Bluegreen Vacation Club, an owner of intervals at La Cabana, was very supportive and provided much needed assistance with achieving this goal.

Bluegreen graciously suspended use of its units to allow the resort to accommodate other La Cabana owners in their units.

"I'm sure they will all find that it has been worth the inconvenience as they enjoy the new accommodations and atmosphere beginning with the front façade and throughout the newly designed lobby and personalized check-in area," he added.

"The renovation was not just a management project," Najjar said, adding: "We had the support of the Board of Directors, our associates, Bluegreen Vacation Club, Interval International and all the timeshare owners resulting in a huge family affair to rebuild what was once the Grande Dame of timeshare resorts in the Caribbean."

Over the years La Cabana has added amenities, dining options and live entertainment throughout the

day and evening.

The resort attracts families with its large pool and waterslide as well as all the watersports available on Eagle Beach, considered by many as one of the top 10 beaches in the world.

A Day Camp for children with trained supervisors provides daily entertainment and activities while a fitness center, spa and beauty shop provide adult relaxation.

There are shops on property including a grocery, clothing and jewelry stores and a private chapel used by many for renewal of vows. Situated under the magnificent Caribbean sky, La Cabana's Las Ramblas, a tapas and grill restaurant, has become the most talked about establishment for superb dining highlighted by succulent dishes and outstanding service.

La Cabana caters to couples, honeymooners, families, retirees and groups. Many transient guests ended up becoming owners wishing to enjoy their home-away-from-home each year. Many of the timeshare owners were so enamored with their weeks that many purchased mul-

tiple weeks.

Several others, who owned timeshares elsewhere heard of La Cabana's reputation and experienced the dream with exchanges through Interval International, one of the major exchange company's in the timeshare industry.

"We have had a long and very positive working relationship with La Cabana Beach and Racquet Club. For 20 years the staff and management of this award winning property have been unwavering in their commitment to deliver an exceptional vacation experience to owners and guests alike," said David Callaghan, vice president Resort Sales and Service for Interval International. "We congratulate the Board of Directors, management and staff on the completion of the resort's renovations and their continued dedication to the vacation ownership industry," Callaghan added.

By enhancing the resort product, La Cabana has taken the steps to ensure that the hotel remains one of the premier Caribbean timeshare properties. □

Promoting Aruba as a Tasty Vacation Destination

PALM BEACH – The Food & Beverage Director of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa will be traveling to NYC to promote the island of Aruba as a tasty vacation destination. The director, a talented former executive chef, will prepare a special Fish Dish in front of an audience of more than 50 of Macy's shoppers demonstrating live a number of the recipes, which are not too complicated, yet can definitely be introduced into the audience's home kitchens.

Coste will review all ingredients and teach the entire preparation while Macy's catering team creates samples for the audience. Incidentally, the pots, pans and dishes in use during the demonstration in Aruba's national colors will be sold at the department store. Additionally, Coste will be a Guest Chef at the New York Jets vs. the Miami Dolphins game, in a VIP Suite where he will entertain VIPs and dignitaries, guests of the Aruba Tourism Authority, in the presence of the island's Prime Minister.

Pictured here Gerard Coste at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. □

Gerard Coste to appear as Guest Chef at The Cellar at Macy's in New York City



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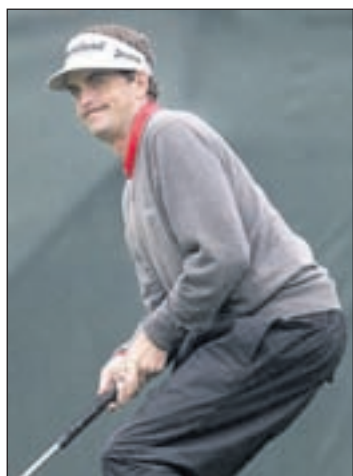
Stewart ends drought, wins Chase opener

Tony Stewart celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Geico 400 auto race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

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With Tiger already a pick, Couples is in a pickle



Keegan Bradley reacts after missing a birdie putt on the second hole during the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, in Lemont, Ill.

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DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

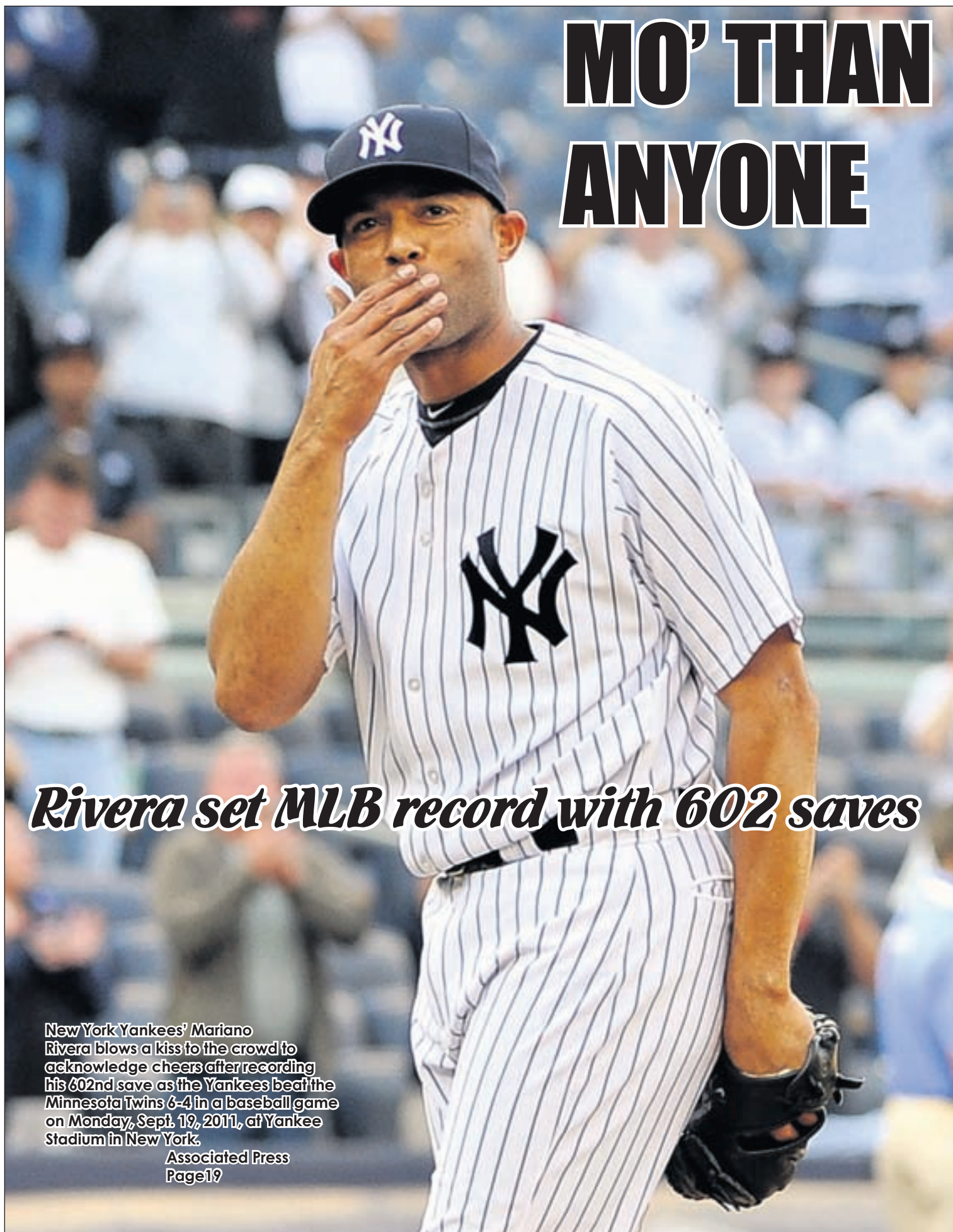
LEMONT, Illinois (AP) — Fred Couples has a short list of candidates to be a captain's pick for the Presidents Cup and will use the Tour Championship as one last audition.

One player who didn't make the U.S. team and won't be sweating it out is Tiger Woods — and he won't even be playing at East Lake.

Couples made it clear three weeks ago that he would use one of his captain's picks on Woods, and he explained his logic Sunday night during a conference call after 10 players earned a spot on the U.S. team.

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MO' THAN ANYONE



Rivera set MLB record with 602 saves

New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera blows a kiss to the crowd to acknowledge cheers after recording his 602nd save as the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 6-4 in a baseball game on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

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Novak Djokovic: Back injury is not serious

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) —

Novak Djokovic says the back muscle injury that forced him to quit his Davis Cup match is not serious but requires rest.

He tried to play through the pain Sunday against Juan Martin del Potro in the semifinals. But the top-ranked Serb stopped during the second set, sending Argentina to the Davis Cup final against Spain.

"Not as serious as we have thought," Djokovic said Monday. "It's a partial rupture of a back muscle that deserves rest."

Djokovic skipped Friday's opening singles because of lingering back problems following his victory over Rafael Nadal in the U.S. Open final. But after losing the opening set 7-6 (5) against Del Potro, Djokovic fell from pain during the third game of the second set.

Djokovic said he may have to skip his next tournaments in China next month — the Shanghai Masters and China Open in Beijing.

"I hope I will recover by then," Djokovic said. "Anyway, I won't risk the worsening of the injury and that's



Novak Djokovic of Serbia falls down after an injury during his World Group Davis Cup semifinals tennis match against Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina in Belgrade, Serbia, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011.

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why it is hard to predict for how long I will rest."

Djokovic said he has never had this kind of back problem.

"I carried the injury since the U.S. Open," Djokovic said. "It gradually got worse through the tournament, and I felt sharp pain in the finals."

"Luckily for me, I managed to hold on and to survive that fourth set and win the tournament," Djokovic added. "I came here quite late, and I could not get ready."

Djokovic beat Nadal 6-2,

6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-1 in the U.S. Open final for his sixth consecutive win over the Spaniard, including the Wimbledon final, and his third major title this season.

He entered the Davis Cup weekend with a 64-2 record. One of those losses came when he quit with a sore shoulder against Andy Murray in the Cincinnati final last month. Djokovic also lost to Roger Federer in the French Open semifinals. Djokovic reportedly is planning to marry longtime girlfriend Jelena Ristic before the new season. □

WNBA Playoff

McCoughtry, Dream beat Sun to reach East finals

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP)—Angel McCoughtry scored all 12 of her points in the second half and the Atlanta Dream used another fourth-quarter surge Sunday to rally for a 69-64 win over the Connecticut Sun and advance to the Eastern Conference finals for the second consecutive season.

Sancho Lyttle, Lindsey Harding and Erika de Souza also scored 12 points each as Atlanta finished off the sweep after winning Game 1 at Connecticut on Friday night. De Souza also grabbed 12 rebounds and McCoughtry had nine. Asjha Jones scored 15 points to lead the Sun, and Tina Charles added 13 and a franchise playoff-record 17 rebounds. Atlanta, which has won nine of its last 10 overall, will next face Indiana or New York. The deciding Game 3 of that series is Monday night. □

Silver Stars 84, Lynx 75

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Jia Perkins scored 24 points and Sophia Young had 23 as San Antonio even the Western Conference semifinals series. Becky Hammon added 18 for the Silver Stars, who had lost seven straight games to Minnesota and are trying to get past the first round for the first time since reaching the WNBA finals in 2008.

Seimone Augustus scored 24 points and Maya Moore had 16 for Minnesota, which had the league's best regular-season record but has never won a playoff series. Lindsay Whalen added 15 points for the Lynx, and Rebekkah Brunson had a game-high 16 rebounds.

The deciding Game 3 will be Tuesday night at Minneapolis. □



IN A PICKLE

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"I just decided to let everyone know that they were really playing for one spot," he said. "I felt it was justified to my team, also, that anyone outside of the top 10, they were fighting for one spot."

That's what made the final round of the BMW Championship so critical.

Ultimately, the only thing that changed in the U.S. standings was the order in which they finished. Hunter Mahan, Jim Furyk and David Toms held the last three spots on the team. Those positions were up for grabs Sunday at Cog Hill, and only were settled when Brandt Snedeker had his worst round of the week

(74) and Bill Haas imploded on the back nine and shot 42.

"I knew if I played well, something good would happen," Haas said. "And I knew if I played bad, nothing would happen."

Alas, all is not lost, even if it might look bleak.

Couples said Snedeker, Haas and PGA champion Keegan Bradley are "the leaders in this three-ring circus" to be his other pick. He is to announce his selection Sept. 27, the Tuesday after the Tour Championship.

The Presidents Cup will be played Nov. 17-20 at Royal Melbourne, the only course where the International team won, in 1998.

"We still have another week, but that could easily change anyone's mind," Couples said.



Bill Haas waves to the crowd after making a birdie on the second hole during the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, in Lemont, Ill.

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"I want these guys to know that the Tour Championship is still deciding my second pick."

Most signs point toward Bradley, a 25-year-old PGA Tour rookie whose two wins this year include a major championship. The Presidents Cup list is based on PGA Tour earnings over the last two years, with double the value this season. Bradley had only one year to collect points, which is why his wins at the Byron Nelson Championship and PGA Championship were not enough to qualify on his own.

Mahan believes Bradley is the only logical choice. He lobbied for him Friday, when Mahan appeared safe to make the team on his own, and even on Sunday when Mahan thought a poor finish might bump him out of the top 10.

"I don't think anyone else is really an option," Ma-

han said. "Not over a guy who won twice, including a major. I think he's earned that right. What else do you want him to do? It's a money list over two years, and he only had one year. He won a major. I know what I would do. Everyone is talking about young guys, and he's done a pretty good job. I don't understand what the problem would be."

Two years ago, Couples announced before the final qualifying event that he was going to pick Mahan, who at the time had only one PGA Tour win, none in the current year.

Perhaps that is what led Mahan to suggest that Couples already has made up his mind.

Couples didn't come across that way. □

Rivera gets record 602nd save in Yankees victory

RICK FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Long regarded as the best closer in baseball, Mariano Rivera now has more saves than anyone else, too.

Rivera set the major league record with No. 602, pitching a perfect ninth inning Monday and preserving the New York Yankees' 6-4 win over the Minnesota Twins.

With fans standing and cheering from his first pitch to his last, Rivera retired Trevor Plouffe, Michael Cuddyer and Chris Parmelee to end it. Parmelee looked at strike three — it appeared to be Rivera's signature cutter — and Yankee Stadium roared in approval.

A remarkable achievement, considering the slender right-hander throws mostly one pitch. Opposing hitters have seen it for years, but still haven't figured it out. In the meantime, he's built a Hall of Fame-caliber career and been a pillar of five World Series championship teams. The only person who might not acknowledge Rivera isn't the best closer of all time is Rivera himself.

"I would never say that — you know me better than that," Rivera said. "I will never talk about myself. It's impossible."

The 41-year-old Rivera tied Trevor Hoffman with save No. 601 on Saturday in Toronto.

The AL East leaders lost Sunday, putting Rivera in line to get the milestone in the Yankees' last

homestand of the season.

In the bottom of the eighth, Nick Swisher grounded into an inning-ending double play — and drew a loud cheer from fans who wanted to see history made at the ballpark for the second time this summer. In July, Derek Jeter got his 3,000th hit at home.

"The team did a tremendous job. Swisher, when he hit the double play," Rivera said. "We won — that's the important thing."

On Monday, the crowd hollered as Rivera came in to the customary strains of "Enter Sandman." The fans grew louder with every strike, every out as Rivera closed in. He even broke a bat for good measure — sawing off Parmelee and sending the rookie back to the dugout for another piece of wood.

Parmelee lasted only one more pitch. Plate umpire John Hirschbeck rung him up, and catcher Russell Martin came out to the mound, gently placed the ball in Rivera's glove, and then gave the skinny Panamanian a big hug.

Rivera stayed and accepted congratulations — Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira and finally Jeter came over to him before the bullpen and bench got there while the Twins watched from their dugout.

"I think it shows what he means to baseball, what he's done," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "I also think it shows

the class of the Minnesota Twins."

Eventually, Rivera was left on the mound and tried to sneak off the field with his teammates. His longtime teammate Jorge Posada pushed him, laughing, onto the mound, where fans cheered him once

New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera pitches in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins to record his 602nd save on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Associated Press

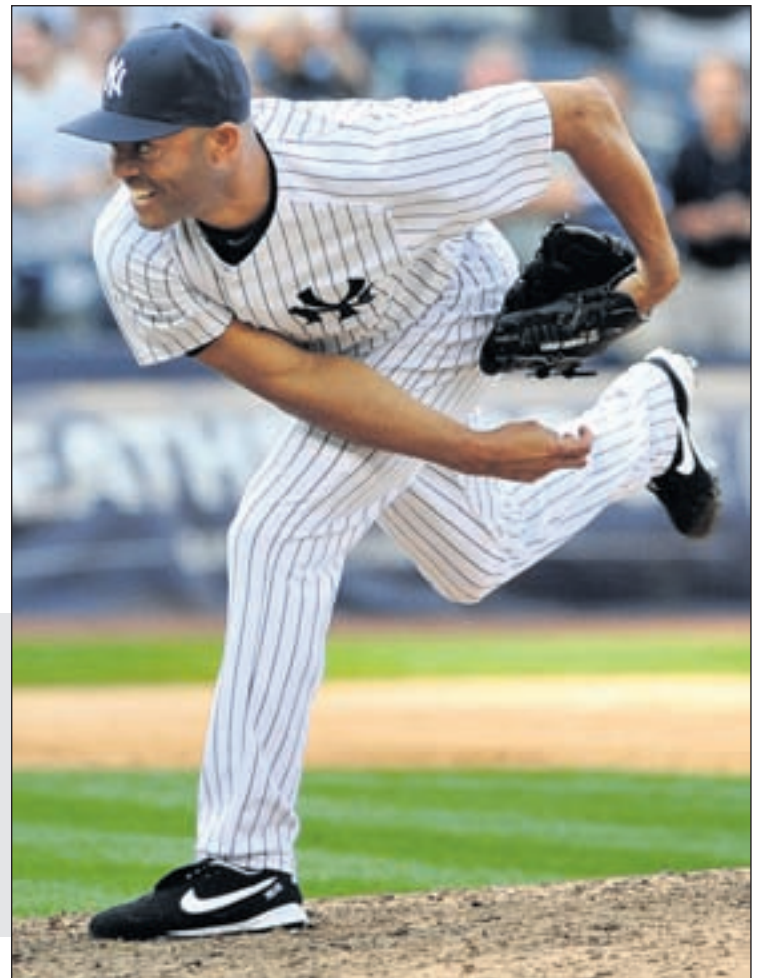
again.

Rivera waved, blew a kiss and then doffed his cap to the afternoon crowd that was short of capacity, but buzzed with anticipation once the Yankees headed into the late innings with a close lead — perfect for Rivera.

And who would've thought it, at least back in 1995 when Rivera started out. He began his career as a starter, lasting only 3 1-3 innings and losing 10-0 to the Angels in his debut, before becoming a star in the bullpen.

Rivera's 602 saves have come in 674 chances. Hoffman got his 601 in 677 tries.

In Sunday's AL games it was Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 0; L.A. Angels 11, Baltimore 2; Tampa Bay 8, Boston 5; Chicago White Sox 10, Kansas City 5; Cleveland 6, Minnesota 5; Detroit 3, Oakland 0; and Texas 3, Seattle 0. □



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Rodgers, Packers beat Newton, Panthers 30-23

NFL Roundup

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Aaron Rodgers

threw for 308 yards and two scores, while the Green Bay Packers withstood another 400-yard passing day from Carolina rookie Cam Newton to beat the Panthers 30-23 on Sunday.

A week after throwing for 422 yards, Newton topped himself by throwing for 432 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for a 4-yard touchdown with 37 seconds left to bring Carolina (0-2) within seven, but the Packers (2-0) recovered the onside kick to seal the victory.

Rodgers found Greg Jennings for a 49-yard touchdown early in the third quarter to put the Packers ahead for good.

Then, after Clay Matthews stopped Newton on a fourth-down run inside the 5, Rodgers found Jordy Nelson for an 84-yard touchdown to make it a two-possession game and help the Packers hang on.

While Newton had another big yardage day, the Packers' defense came up big by forcing the rookie into three interceptions — two by Charles Woodson.

Browns 27, Colts 19

At Indianapolis, Peyton Hillis ran for 94 yards and two touchdowns, Colt McCoy



Carolina Panthers' Jonathan Stewart (28) loses his helmet as he is hit by Green Bay Packers' Charles Woodson (21) and Desmond Bishop (55) during the first quarter of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011.

threw for 211 yards and a score and Cleveland ended a five-game losing streak against Peyton Manning-less Indianapolis.

The Colts are 0-2 for the first time since 1998, and Manning likely will miss two months following his third neck surgery in 20 months. The Browns rebounded with their first win for new coach Pat Shurmur after a loss to the Bengals last week.

Falcons 35, Eagles 31

At Atlanta, Matt Ryan threw a career-high four touchdown passes as Atlanta rallied to beat Philadelphia after Michael Vick was knocked out with an

injury late in the third quarter.

Ryan hit Tony Gonzalez with a pair of TDs, the tight end going past Terrell Owens for fifth on the NFL's career receiving list.

Then, Ryan hooked up with Ovie Mughelli on a 1-yarder that brought Atlanta to 31-28 with just over 6 minutes remaining.

Vick left with a neck injury after getting spun by a Falcons rusher into a Philadelphia blocker.

He staggered off the field and Mike Kafka came in for his first NFL game.

Saints 30, Bears 13

At New Orleans, Drew Brees

threw for three touchdowns and New Orleans' defense beat up on Jay Cutler.

Brees' scoring strikes included a 79-yarder to Devery Henderson.

Darren Sproles scored on a 12-yard swing pass and Robert Meachem had a 4-yard TD reception as the Saints (1-1) bounced back from an opening week loss to Green Bay.

Facing heavy blitzing and without injured receiver Roy Williams, Cutler passed for 244 yards and a score, but was sacked six times and fumbled once.

Bills 38, Raiders 35

At Orchard Park, New York,

Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to David Nelson with 14 seconds left to cap a wild back-and-forth fourth quarter.

The Bills scored touchdowns on all five of their second-half possessions to overcome a 21-3 first-half deficit. The teams traded leads five times over the final 14:10.

Fred Jackson scored twice and had 117 yards rushing for the Bills (2-0) in their home opener. Fitzpatrick finished 28 of 46 for 264 yards and three touchdowns.

Patriots 35, Chargers 21

At Foxborough, Massachusetts, Tom Brady threw for 423 yards six days after setting a single-game team record of 517 in leading New England.

In other NFL games it was New Orleans 30, Chicago 13; Tennessee 26, Baltimore 13; Tampa Bay 24, Minnesota 20; Detroit 48, Kansas City 3; N.Y. Jets 32, Jacksonville 3; Buffalo 38, Oakland 35; Washington 22, Arizona 21; Pittsburgh 24, Seattle 0; Green Bay 30, Carolina 23; Cleveland 27, Indianapolis 19; Dallas 27, San Francisco 24, OT; Denver 24, Cincinnati 22; Houston 23, Miami 13; New England 35, San Diego 21; and Atlanta 35, Philadelphia 31. □



This July 26, 2011 file photo shows Atlanta Falcons cornerback Dunta Robinson during a news conference on the first day of football training camp, in Flowery Branch, Ga.

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dunta Robinson will pay for his flagrant hit on the Eagles' Jer-

emy Maclin. He won't be suspended.

The NFL on Monday fined the Falcons cornerback \$40,000 for the hit in which

NFL fines Dunta Robinson \$40,000 for hit on Maclin

he led with his helmet and crashed into Maclin in the third quarter of Atlanta's 35-31 win over Philadelphia on Sunday night. Robinson was penalized 15 yards for unnecessary roughness.

The league did not suspend Robinson although it has said hits like the one he put on Maclin could lead to such action. Robinson is a repeat offender, having being fined \$25,000 last year for a similar hit on the Eagles' DeSean Jackson that left both players with concussions.

In a letter sent to Robin-

son, NFL vice president of football operations Merton Hanks noted that "future offenses will result in an escalation of fines up to and including suspension."

Commissioner Roger Goodell was advised of the decision, and said "we felt this was the appropriate discipline."

Asked if this was an example of the hits the NFL is trying to get out of the game, Goodell said, "There's such thing as a perfect example. There are individual elements of each hit. We're trying to identify the tech-

niques that will make our game safer."

The league said Robinson violated Rule 12, Section 2, Article 9 (a) (2) of the playing rules, which states: "It is a foul if a player initiates unnecessary contact against a player who is in a defenseless posture."

The rule notes that players in a defenseless posture include "a receiver attempting to catch a pass; or who has completed a catch and has not had time to protect himself or has not clearly become a runner." □

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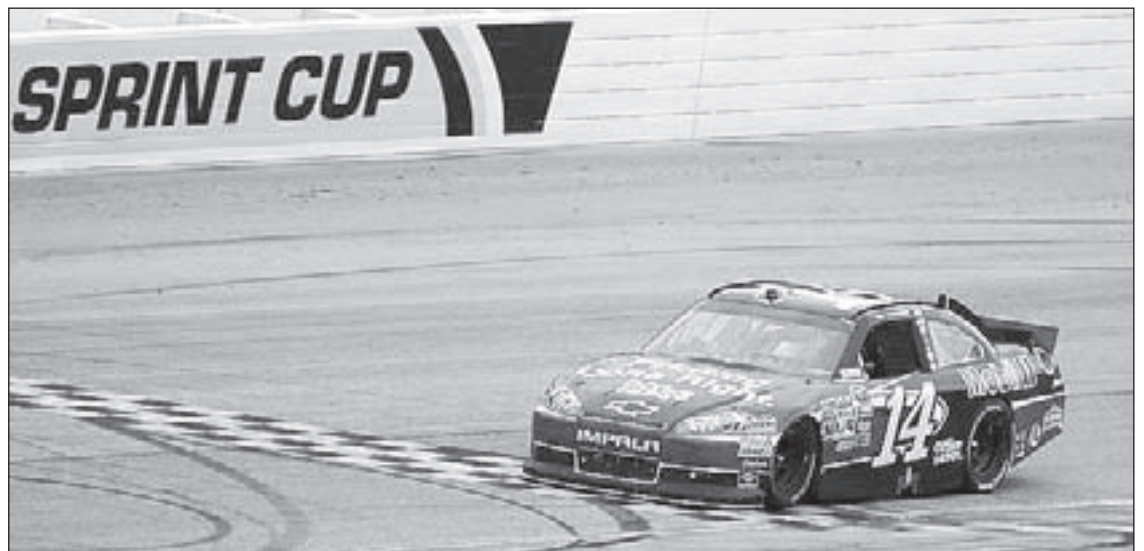
Stewart opens Chase with 1st victory of season

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Tony Stewart ended his season-long funk, winning for the first time this year in the opening race of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Stewart had one of the best cars Monday at Chicagoland Speedway, where NASCAR's title-deciding series opened a day late because of rain Sunday. That was a gift of sorts for Stewart, who had a migraine headache throughout the rainy day. Given an extra day's rest, the two-time champion broke a 32-

race losing streak dating to California last October. Stewart stretched his final tank of fuel to the finish — something he had failed to do in the Chase opener at New Hampshire last year. Stewart ran out of gas with a lap to go last year, a swing that cost him five spots in the standings, and he never recovered to challenge for the title. Now it's the competition that has to worry. Stewart jumped from ninth in the standings to second, just seven points behind runner-up Kevin Harvick. "It's huge," said Stewart in Victory Lane. "We've had



Driver Tony Stewart (14) crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

Associated Press

Ainge, Rivers eager for end of NBA lockout

WESTON, Mass. (AP) — Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers and general manager Danny Ainge have been playing a lot of golf lately. They may have extra time to play more.

With the NBA lockout in progress, the scheduled opening of training camp next week remains in jeopardy.

Rivers and Ainge fended off questions Monday about the labor problems between the league and its players association. Last Tuesday, a meeting between the executive committee of the NBA Players Association and the owners' labor relations committee produced no progress. Ainge was the coach of the Phoenix Suns during the last NBA lockout and has sour memories.

"Everybody wants to play

and everybody wants to work. It's not fun for anybody," he said during the team's annual charity golf tournament.

The Celtics have just seven signed players and cannot add to their roster while the lockout continues. They're also working with a revamped coaching staff.

"We're just getting organized," Ainge said. "It gives us some time to step back and re-evaluate the entire league and European players worldwide and anticipate the draft. So, we've just been doing all the little things and getting organized with our staff."

During the offseason, assistant coach Lawrence Frank became head coach of the Detroit Pistons and took along another member of the Celtics staff, Roy Rogers, as an assistant. □

a rough year, so this is a good way to start it off."

Round 2 of the Chase is next week at New Hampshire, where Stewart and teammate Ryan Newman dominated in July.

Newman led a 1-2 finish for Stewart-Haas Racing, and Stewart believes the organization could be in for another big day.

Five-time defending series champion Jimmie Johnson, points leader Kyle Busch, Matt Kenseth and Jeff Gordon were among the drivers who ran out of gas on the last lap, and all plummeted in the final finishing order.

Harvick, who started the race tied with Busch for the points lead, held on for second after his crew chief told him to run wide open and not worry about fuel.

"When he turned me loose, I probably should have just listened to him, I was really gun shy," said Harvick, who called the closing laps

"nerve-racking."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. capitalized on many drivers running out of gas to finish third, his best finish since he was second at Kansas 14 weeks ago. The strong result pushed him from 10th to fifth in the standings.

Johnson wound up 10th, and dropped two spots to eighth in the standings.

"I really felt like I had done enough," Johnson said. "I don't know what I did so desperately wrong."

Kenseth was pushed across the finish line by JJ. Yeley, help NASCAR deemed illegal and the punishment dropped Kenseth to 21st. He fell six spots in the standings to 10th.

"I don't know what to do about the fuel mileage," said Kenseth, who started on the pole. "It is really frustrating to be a race car driver and they drop the green on the last run of the day when you are supposed to put on a show for

the fans, and you have to run half throttle and can't floor it or you will run out of gas.

"It is pretty aggravating to do all the work and qualifying and pit stops and adjustments but none of it makes a difference."

The biggest losers of the fuel fiasco, though, were Kyle Busch and Gordon.

Busch finished 22nd and fell from tied with Harvick for the points lead to ninth, 19 points back. Gordon finished 24th and dropped eight spots in the standings to 11th.

Denny Hamlin, who used the second wild-card spot to make it into the Chase, had the worst day of the 12 championship contending drivers.

A vibration forced him to pit out of sequence, which dropped him a lap down from the leaders. He could never make it back, and a flat tire later sealed his 31st-place finish. □

Personal Health:

Why even the most resolute dieters fail

JANE E. BRODY

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If you've been trying for years to lose unwanted pounds and keep them off, unrealistic goals may be the reason you've failed. It turns out that a long-used rule of weight loss – reduce 3,500 calories (or burn an extra 3,500) to lose one pound of body fat – is incorrect and can ultimately doom determined dieters.

That is the conclusion reached by Dr. Kevin D. Hall and his colleagues at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Recently they created a more realistic model of how the body responds to changes in caloric intake and expenditure, basing their calculations on how people of different weights responded to caloric changes in a controlled setting like a metabolic unit.

Their work, spelled out in a new study published in *The Lancet*, explains how body weight can slowly rise even when people have not changed their eating and exercise habits.

Their research also helps to explain why some people can lose weight faster than others, even when all are eating the same foods and doing the same exercise, and why achieving permanent weight loss is so challenging for so many.

The model shows that last-

ing weight loss takes a long time to achieve and suggests that more effective weight loss programs might be undertaken in two phases: a temporary, more aggressive change in behavior at first, followed by a second phase of a more relaxed but permanent behavioral change that can



A long-used weight loss rule, reduce or burn an extra 3,500 calories to lose one pound of body fat, is incorrect and can ultimately doom determined dieters, according to new research.

(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

prevent the weight regain that afflicts so many dieters despite their best intentions. **DEBUNKING A LONG-USED RULE** According to the researchers, it is easy to gain weight unwittingly from a very small imbalance in the number of calories consumed over calories used.

Just 10 extra calories a day is all it takes to raise the body weight of the average person by 20 pounds in 30 years, the authors wrote. Furthermore, the same increase in calories will result in more pounds gained by a heavier person than by a lean one – and a greater proportion of the weight gained by the heavier person will be body fat. This happens because lean tissue (muscles, bones and organs) uses more calories than the same weight of fat. In an interview, Hall said the longstanding assumption that cutting 3,500 calories will produce a one-pound weight loss indefinitely is inaccurate and can produce discouraging results both for dieters and for policy changes like the proposed tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.

If the 3,500-calorie rule applied consistently in real life, it would result in twice the weight loss that the new model predicts, the authors wrote. This helps to explain why even the most diligent dieters often fail to reach weight loss goals that were based on the old rule.

A more realistic result, he said, is that cutting out 250 calories a day – the amount in a small bar or chocolate or half a cup of premium ice cream – would lead to a weight loss of about 25 pounds over three years, with half that loss occurring

the first year.

Many people get discouraged when weight loss slows even though they are sticking religiously to their diets, but Hall said a gradual loss is nearly always more effective because it allows the new eating and exercise habits to become a lasting lifestyle.

Still, obese people would have to cut out more calories to lose weight than it took to gain the extra pounds. Although reaching a weight of 220 pounds may have been caused by consuming, say, 250 calories more than were used each day, losing that weight requires much larger reductions in calorie intake. According to Hall's calculations, an extra 220 calories a day are now maintaining the new higher weight.

For the population to return to average body weights of the 1970s, obese individuals, who now represent 14 percent of the population, would have to cut out more than 500 calories a day, the new model shows.

Hall noted that typical weight-loss programs result in significant losses over a period of six to eight months, followed by gradual weight regain in the years that follow. When weight-loss plateaus at six to eight months – “which happens with all the diets,” he said – many dieters unconsciously start to eat a little more. □

Panel urges tough Global Fund safeguards

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — A \$22 billion global health fund that's been criticized by donors and skeptics since disclosing alleged fraud in its grants must adopt tougher financial safeguards, an independent panel recommended Monday.

After a six-month review, the panel reported that it found that a number of health ministers and other senior government officials view grants from The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria “as someone else's responsibility.” The panel's report said it also found that the fund's secretariat “has bred a culture of passivity in grant management.” The fund created the panel in March to address concern among donors after Associ-

ated Press articles in January about the loss of tens of millions of dollars in grant money because of mismanagement and alleged fraud.

Germany, the European Commission and Denmark withheld hundreds of millions of euros in funding pending reviews of the fund's internal controls. Germany has since restored half of its funding. Former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, who co-chaired the panel along with former Botswana President Festus Mogae, called the report “sobering and optimistic.”

“It makes clear that the Global Fund has to shift now from an organization that was responding to an emergency to one that is capable of a sustained response.

And it lays out a road map for that

change,” he told The Associated Press.

The fund was set up as a new way to coordinate the world's efforts against the three killer diseases and to speed up emergency funds from wealthy nations and donors to the places hardest hit. Since then, the fund — which is strictly a financing tool — has approved more than 600 programs in 150 nations, growing to become what the panel called the largest and most important anti-poverty program created so far this century.

The panel credited the fund with saving millions of lives, cutting the death rate from TB in many nations, handing out almost 200 million anti-malarial bed nets, and training hundreds of thousands of health workers around the world. □

Whooping cough vaccination fades in 3 years: study

MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The whooping cough vaccine given to babies and toddlers loses much of its effectiveness after just three years — a lot faster than doctors believed — and that could help explain a recent series of outbreaks in the U.S. among children who were fully vaccinated, a study suggests.

The study is small and preliminary, and its authors said the results need to be confirmed through more research. Nevertheless, the findings are likely to stir debate over whether children should get a booster shot earlier than now recommended. “I was disturbed to find maybe we had a little more confidence in the vaccine than it might deserve,” said the lead researcher, Dr. David Witt, chief of infectious disease at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in San Rafael, California. Witt presented his findings Monday at a medical conference in Chicago.

The study was done in California, where whooping cough vaccinations are a hot-button issue. The state had a huge spike in whooping cough cases last year, during which more than 9,100 people fell ill and 10 babies died. California schools have turned away thousands of middle and high school students this fall who haven't gotten their booster shot.

Government health officials recommend that children get vaccinated against whooping cough in five doses, with the first shot at age 2 months and the final one between 4 and 6 years. □

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Netflix separates its DVD, streaming businesses

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Netflix Inc. is moving to formally separate the DVD-by-mail plan it built its business on from the online streaming service it's betting will be future of entertainment consumption.

In announcing the changes, CEO Reed Hastings also apologized to subscribers for the way the company communicated its decision to split the two services, which raised the prices for those who want both.

The mail order plan will be renamed "Qwikster." In a few weeks, Netflix subscribers who want to get DVDs by mail will go to a separate website to access Qwikster. The streaming business will continue to be called Netflix.

Members who subscribe to both services will have two entries on their credit card statements.

Instead of Netflix, the distinctive red envelopes will now say Qwikster.

It's a risky bet. The amount of streaming content the company offers is still far less than the number of DVDs in its catalog. And competition, from Hulu, Amazon, Coinstar's Redbox kiosks and other services, is growing. Netflix could even alienate customers further by asking them to now deal with two separate websites and accounts instead of just one.

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings apologized for the way the company communicated the price changes, but not for the price hike itself.

"I messed up," Hastings wrote in a blog post Sun-

day night that was also emailed to subscribers.

The changes come as the company faces increasing scrutiny from customers and shareholders over the decision announced in July to separate its mail order and Internet streaming services into two separate plans. The change raised the prices for users who want both services, by as much as 60 percent for some.

"Our view is with this split of the businesses, we will be better at streaming, and we will be better at DVD by mail," Hastings wrote.

Last week, Netflix lowered its U.S. subscriber forecast for the third quarter and the former stock market darling's shares took a beating as a result.

Hastings said he "slid into arrogance based upon past success" when he did not adequately explain the reasons behind the plan separation and effective price hike. He said the reason is that instant streaming and DVD-by-mail are becoming "two quite different businesses, with very different cost structures, different benefits that need to be marketed differently, and we need to let each grow and operate independently."

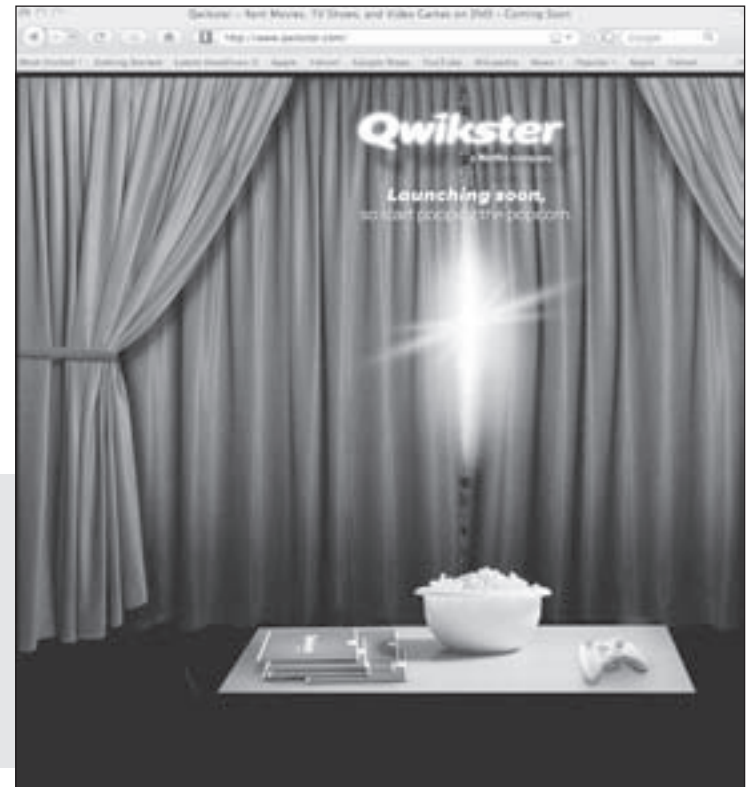
Explaining the reasons behind the plan change "wouldn't have changed the price increase, but it would have been the right thing to do," Hastings wrote.

Netflix announced its move just as the once-mighty Borders Inc. shuttered the last of its bookstores around the country. Hastings'

blog post seemed to take heed. He said that for the past five years, his "greatest fear at Netflix has been that we wouldn't make the leap from success in DVDs to success in streaming." □

This screen shot shows Qwikster.com, a new website service available soon from Netflix. Netflix Inc. plans to separate its DVD-by-mail service and streaming video businesses.

Associated Press



Google adds Visa, Amex, Discover cards to Wallet

By PETER SVENSSON
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NEW YORK (AP) — Google's Wallet is getting thicker. The company is adding Visa, American Express and Discover to its payment system, which aims to make cellphones the credit cards of tomorrow. Google Inc. on Monday said it has licensed the right to add virtual "cards" from the three payment networks to its Wallet application. MasterCard Inc., the other major payment processor, is already part of the project. The Wallet application Google released on Monday, so far, only works on one Sprint smartphone. The Wallet can be loaded with a Citibank MasterCard or a prepaid debit card from Google.

With a card in the Wallet, owners can pay in stores by tapping their phones on wireless-capable payment terminals, instead of swiping credit cards. There are more than 135,000 such terminals in stores and other retail locations, but that's a small fraction of the total number of terminals.

Google's vice president of payments, Osama Bedier, couldn't say when cards from Visa Inc., American Express Co. and Discover Financial Services would work with the wallet. In the case of Visa, not only does Google need to work out the technical details of making its wallet compatible, it also

needs to get the banks that issue the cards to sign on to the project, like Citigroup Inc. did for its MasterCard.

Google also needs more phones that work with the wallet. Bedier said Google is working with all major manufacturers of smartphones that run on Google's Android software to incorporate chips that communicate with payment terminals.

Samsung Electronics Co. makes the Nexus S phone that works with the wallet today.

Visa plans to bring out its own, competing mobile wallet application. The competition isn't about getting a cut of the money that flows through the credit card accounts — Google isn't directly tapping into that stream — but about who gets to reach people when and where they shop. The applications are conduits for advertising in the form of coupons and loyalty cards.

These opportunities are the real reason companies like Google and Visa are pushing to have cellphones replace credit cards. Sprint Nextel Corp. is collaborating with Google, but the other three national wireless carriers — Verizon Wireless, AT&T Inc. and T-Mobile USA — have formed a joint venture to create their own digital wallet.

They, too, are working with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. □

As ranchers in drought areas sell cows, others buy

DAVID MERCER

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois (AP)

—The drought in the Southwest may help 29-year-old Chad Bicker get to his goal of being a full-time farmer and rancher by the time he's 40.

As farmers in Texas and other bone-dry areas sell cattle because they can't grow hay or afford to buy feed, Bicker has been buying animals for his farm in Illinois. He has 25 cows and hopes to have 35 by next year.

"You're seeing a lot of people get out of the cattle industry just because of the (drought)," Bicker said. "... It's a chance for us to expand."

Cattle experts in areas not affected by drought say they're seeing a lot of farmers like Bicker take advantage of rising beef prices and cattle sales in dry areas to expand their businesses. Beef prices have risen because of strong export demand from Asia and a relatively low supply in the U.S.

And, even with farmers like Bicker adding cows, experts say it won't be enough to offset the losses from the drought and ranchers cutting animals over the past five years because of rising land and feed costs. Iowa State University economist Shane Ellis said he didn't expect the total number of cattle

to increase in the U.S. for at least another four years.

While the beef industry had already been shrinking, the pace accelerated this year when ranchers in Colora-

a big ranching area that's been dry this summer. Most of its buyers this year haven't been from the area on the Oklahoma border, spokesman John Harmon said.

ing the farm.

To do that, he bought pasture this year, enough that he says he could probably grow to 50 head before he has to buy more.



In this Sept. 12, 2011, file photo, Simmental beef cattle feed on hay in a pasture near Middletown, Ill. As ranchers in drought-parched Texas and Oklahoma cut back their herds some ranchers in other states with healthy pastures like Illinois, Iowa and Montana are adding to their herds.

Associated Press

do, Oklahoma, Texas and other dry spots thinned their herds or sold off their cattle altogether because they couldn't grow hay and buying it and other feed was too expensive. The U.S. has about 31 million beef cattle, down 5.6 percent from 2006, the Department of Agriculture said this summer.

Many cattle are being sold at stockyards like the one just outside Joplin, Missouri. The Joplin Regional Stockyards sits in the middle of

"A lot of our stock cows go to northern Missouri, and a lot of them are going into the southern tier of Iowa," which have had more rain, he said. "Our guys right now, they're just trying to hold everything together with the cows they got."

Bicker, who grows soybeans and raises cattle west of Chicago, said he's added a handful of cows through auctions, as well as buying direct. He and his wife both have full-time jobs in town while he works on expand-

"It's exciting times," Bicker said, "but it's also a lot of sleepless nights."

What makes it sleepless are the factors that have caused others to downsize or get out of the business: Feed prices are high because corn prices are high. Strong demand for corn and soybeans also has pushed up land prices in states like Illinois and Iowa.

-Bicker said he bought the pasture that was offered to him because if

he didn't, someone else would almost certainly buy it and plant corn. And, there's competition among ranchers. One that Bicker approached about buying cattle said no because he had plans of his own to expand.

Big ranches are growing too in areas that have had enough rain. The number of cows in Montana grew this year, while it declined in other parts of the West and Northwest, said John Paterson, a beef cattle specialist with the extension service at the University of Montana.

"Our guys are feeling pretty good right now, to be honest with you," Paterson said. "We've had nice rains, good grass."

Rick Mindemann and his family have about 250 cows on 4,300 acres (1,740 hectares) in eastern Montana — a herd they expanded by about 20 percent this year because their green, healthy pastures could support it.

Mindemann also has another 120 Angus cows in Wisconsin, where he lives. He breeds those cows to sell to other ranchers who are growing and expanding, and he's seeing plenty of business that he expects to continue as long as the weather holds.

"It's very profitable to be in the cattle business, and I think it's going to continue on indefinitely," he said. □

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Apple stock hits highest level ever

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Apple Inc. stock reached its highest level ever Monday, hitting \$413.23 in intraday trading even as the broader market declined. That price was 3.2 percent higher than Friday's close and brought the company's market capitalization to \$383 billion, albeit briefly. The stock slipped to close at \$411.63 and was trading after hours at \$411.58, still up about 2.8 percent, while the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 0.9 percent.

Apple is again the most valuable company in America, putting Exxon Mobil, whose market cap Monday was about \$358 billion, at No. 2.

The record-setting trade for 100 shares occurred at 3:39 p.m. Eastern time, according to FactSet.

Apple shares have risen steadily recently, despite company mastermind Steve Jobs' resignation as CEO Aug. 24 amid an extended leave for medical reasons. The day after he announced he was stepping down, the stock closed at \$373.72.

JPMorgan analyst Mark Moskowitz issued a research note Monday speculating that Apple would release two new iPhones this fall — an iPhone 5 that is lighter and slimmer and would work around the world, and a slightly improved iPhone 4 model that could target the explosive Chinese market.

Moskowitz speculated that Apple would cut a new deal with a Chinese cell-phone carrier that could give it access to more than 100 million more customers. Currently, Apple only has a relationship with carrier China Unicom, with 180 million subscribers, Moskowitz said.

China Mobile, the country's largest carrier, has about 600 million subscribers, while China Telecom has about 100 million, he said. □

Stocks slide on worries about Greece

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Pessimism about Greece's financial problems returned to the financial markets Monday. Stocks fell sharply as investors once again doubted that the country will be able to avoid a default on its debt.

Even after a late-day rally cut its losses by nearly half, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 108.08, or 0.9 percent, at 11,401.01. The drop ended five days of gains for stocks and marked the return of the back-and-forth trading that has accompanied the uncertainty about Europe's debt crisis.

The Nasdaq composite fell 9.48, or 0.4 percent, to 2,612.83. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.92, or 1 percent, to 1,204.09. The S&P 500 gained 5.4 percent last week as it appeared Greece would get its bailout. But European finance ministers said Friday they would delay authoriz-



Greek Minister of Finance Evangelos Venizelos, left, speaks as IMF representative in Athens Bob Traa, third left, listens during an economist conference in Athens, Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. Associated Press

ing an \$11 billion installment of emergency funds for Greece until October.

On Monday, the country's finance minister held an emergency teleconference with its international creditors. They are pressuring the government on austerity measures to reduce Greece's debt. Investors fear Greece won't be able to convince lenders that it can pay its debts — and

that it won't get the money it needs to avoid a default on debts that must be paid next month.

Late Monday, Greece's finance minister said that the 2 1/2-hour conference call was "productive and substantive." Hope that Greece might be closer to qualifying for rescue funds started a late comeback. The Dow gained about 100 points in the last hour of

trading.

But investors also appeared pessimistic about a Federal Reserve policy decision expected Wednesday. Some economists believe that since the Fed decided to hold a two-day meeting instead of the originally planned one-day session, that it was preparing to take steps to stimulate the economy. However, other analysts doubt that the Fed will announce a new plan for the economy.

There is too much disagreement among Fed officials about monetary policy for a decision right now, said Ralph Fogel, head of investment strategy at Fogel Neale Partners in New York. "They'll have to let it play out at least a little while longer, and I think they'll wait until November," Fogel said. Separately, President Barack Obama on Monday called for \$1.5 trillion in new taxes to help reduce the U.S. deficit. He said, "we can't just cut our way out of this hole." □

AP Source: GM's costs rise little in new UAW pact

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AP Auto Writers

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Co.'s shares rose Monday on news that the company's new contract with the United Auto Workers union will bring only a minimal increase in recurring costs for the automaker. The tentative agreement, reached late Friday, includes a \$5,000 signing bonus for workers and the possibility of sweeter profit-sharing checks for GM's 48,500 factory workers. But most aren't likely to see a pay raise.

Because fixed costs were contained, GM still will be able to break even in a depressed U.S. auto sales market of around 10.5 million, said a person familiar with the contract, who asked not to be identified because terms of the deal haven't been released to union members.

GM shares rose 44 cents, or nearly 2 percent, to close at \$23.05 Monday, about 30 percent below the initial public offering price of \$33 per share in November. The shares topped \$39 not long after the IPO but have traded as low as \$20.88 more recently. Monday's increase came as the Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 1 percent on worries about government debt problems in Greece.

Union leaders from factories across the nation will be in Detroit on Tuesday to hear UAW President Bob King and other leaders explain the contract terms. Workers must vote on the deal before it can take effect. Voting will take place in the next week or so.

Despite the GM pact's minimal increase in recurring costs, Chrysler Group CEO Sergio Marchionne said Monday that his company may not aim for a similar

deal. The UAW is still negotiating with Chrysler and Ford Motor Co.

"Let's try not to compare such two different realities," Marchionne said at an event in Turin, Italy, according to LaPresse news agency. He said he didn't yet know the details of GM's contract but is "optimistic" that Chrysler will reach an agreement soon.

People briefed on GM's agreement said it includes a \$2- to \$3-per-hour pay raise for entry-level workers over the life of the contract and guarantees of more union jobs. GM now has around 2,400 workers making the entry-level wage of \$14 to \$16 per hour, about half the pay that longtime UAW workers get.

Also, a former Saturn assembly plant in Tennessee will be reopened under the deal, the people said, and new products have been promised to plants in



In this June 17, 2010 file photo, United Auto Workers President Bob King addresses the auto worker's convention in Detroit. The United Auto Workers union extended its contracts with General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC early Thursday Sept. 15, 2011 after failing to meet a deadline to reach a new agreement.

Michigan and Missouri. A plant in Wisconsin, which stopped producing trucks in 2009, will remain idled but won't close.

None of the people who spoke about the terms of the pact wanted to be identified because the terms have not been explained to union members. □

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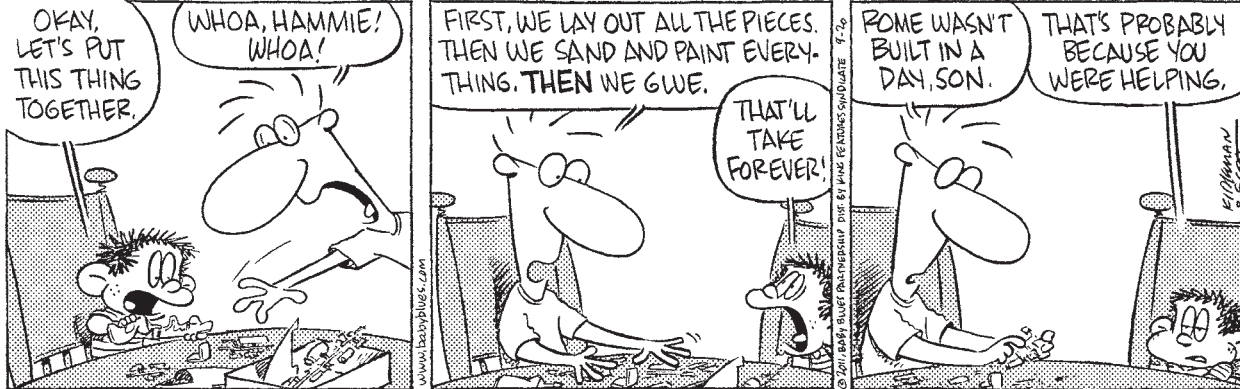
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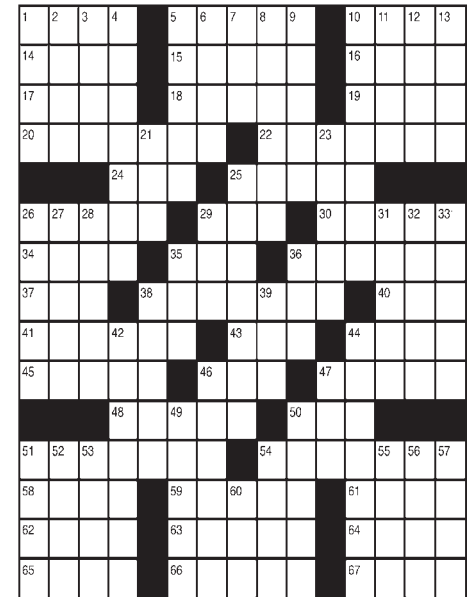
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- 15 House of King Henry VIII
- 16 Do as told
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- 20 Dinner course
- 22 Gizmos
- 24 Actor McKellen
- 25 Gold, silver or bronze award
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- 30 Directs; guides
- 34 Many a golf club
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- 38 Burdensome
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 12 Encounter
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- 21 Hearing organ
- 23 Valleys
- 25 Not single
- 26 Turnable knobs
- 27 Bert's "Sesame Street" pal
- 28 Terra ___; clay for garden pots
- 29 Go quickly
- 31 Cramps
- 32 Sword fights
- 33 Common ___;
- 35 In ___ case;
- 36 Have regrets
- 38 Start; beginning
- 39 Sphere; globe
- 42 Very old
- 44 Gang member
- 46 Ridicule
- 47 Lemon
- 49 Dissuade
- 50 Loud noise
- 51 Zealous
- 52 Uncle Ben's product
- 53 Shapeless mass
- 54 Undergarments
- 55 Robe for Indira
- 56 Heroic tale
- 57 Pack of cards
- 60 Years of life

Today In History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, September 20, the 263th day of 2011. There are 102 days left in the year
Highlights in history on this date:

480 B.C. - Greeks defeat Persians in naval battle of Salamis in Aegean Sea.

1519 - Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets sail from Spain on a voyage to find the western passage to Indonesia's Spice Islands. He is killed on the way, but his ship completes the first trip around the world.

1857 - Delhi in India, held by mutineers, is captured by the British after a three-month siege.

1962 - Southern Rhodesia declares the Zimbabwe African People's Union illegal.

1963 - In a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, U.S. President John F. Kennedy proposes a joint U.S.-Soviet expedition to the moon.

2001 - Minority Albanian rebels begin turning over the last of the arms they are willing to surrender to NATO in Macedonia and parliament starts to discuss constitutional amendments to give the Albanian minority greater rights.

2002 - A Chinese court sentences 15 followers of the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement to prison for broadcasting protests of the government's crackdown on the movement.

2003 - Former U.S. President Bill Clinton attends a ceremony in Bosnia to officially open a museum and cemetery dedicated to the 1995 Srebrenica massacre, in which Serb forces executed as many as 8,000 Muslim men and boys.

2004 - The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency warns that more than 40 countries have the know-how to produce nuclear arms, while the United States and European Union urge Iran to heed interna-

tional demands meant to curb its access to nuclear weapons technology.

2005 - President Hamid Karzai challenges the need for foreign military operations in Afghanistan such as air-



Today is Sophia Loren's birthday

strikes and house searches, saying they are no longer effective.

2006 - Coal mining accidents in Kazakhstan and Ukraine kill at least 45 workers, raising concerns about mine safety in the former Soviet republics.

2007 - Peruvian astronomers say that a meteorite crashed near Lake Titicaca over the weekend, a rare occurrence that left an elliptical crater and magnetic rock fragments in an impact powerful enough to register on seismic charts.

2008 —A suicide truck bomb at the Marriott Ho-

tel in Islamabad, Pakistan, kills 53 people including the Czech ambassador, and wounds 270 others.

2009 - President Barack Obama says the leader of reclusive North Korea is "pretty healthy and in control" of the impoverished communist country, an assessment Obama received from former President Bill Clinton who visited Pyongyang.

2010 - Genetically engineered salmon that grows twice as fast as the conventional fish appears to be safe, an advisory committee tells the Food and Drug Administration Monday. But they argued that more testing may be needed before it is served on U.S. dinner tables.

Today's Birthdays:

Chulalongkorn, reformist king of Siam (1853-1910); Richard Griffith, Irish geologist/engineer (1784-1878); Upton Sinclair, U.S. novelist/activist (1878-1968); Leo Strauss, German philosopher (1899-1973); Anne Meara, U.S. actress/comedian (1929--); Sophia Loren, Italian film actress (1934--).

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Endangered warbler surviving but still needs help

AP Environmental Writer

(AP) — The melodic chirp of

Nearly a quarter-century after the songbird's population had fallen to a dangerously low 167 pairs, the lat-

The Michigan total was second only to 1,813 two years ago. Even more significantly, it has not increased or decreased more than 5 percent since 2007, a sign of stability that was lacking for many years, said Chris



Kirtland's Warbler's populations appear to have stabilized in Michigan and the Upper Great Lakes. U.S. Fish and Wildlife service photo by Joel Trick

Hoving, the DNR's endangered species coordinator, "They've come into equilibrium with the amount of habitat that's out there right now," Hoving said. "I don't expect it to go up or down much." Kirtland's warblers have bluish-gray backs, yellow breasts and picky nesting preferences

that help explain why they nearly went extinct. They build nests on the ground beneath jack pine trees that are 5 to 20 feet tall and 4 to 20 years old. Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula has such trees in abundance. In pre-settlement days, wildfires regularly swept through the re-

gion. They burned older jack pines while the intense heat popped their cones open, spilling seeds from which new trees sprouted. As people moved in and suppressed wildfires, the natural cycle was broken and the warbler declined. Making matters worse was an invasion of brown-headed cowbirds, which lay their eggs in warblers' nests. Once they hatch, the aggressive cowbirds take most of the food the warbler parents bring and even shove warbler babies from the nests. For unknown reasons, adult warblers don't retaliate.

After the warbler was added to the federal endangered species list in the mid-1970s, agencies began trying to restore its habitat in the northern Lower Peninsula, the only place the birds were known to breed. They also began trapping cowbirds. When a prescribed burn went out of control in 1980, killing a firefighter and destroying 44 structures, officials abandoned fire as a habitat restoration method. Now, about 3,000 acres of jack pines are harvested and replanted annually on state and federal lands. Scientists hope the warbler can be removed from the endangered list at some point, although they're concerned about how the birds may be affected by climate change in the Bahamas, where they spent winters.

But even if dropped from the list, the warblers will need continued habitat management and cowbird control to survive, Hoving said. The DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service signed an agreement this year to continue their efforts indefinitely. □

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Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Adele lead MTV race



Singer Katy Perry accepts the award for video of the year for "Firework" at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles. Dramatically different divas Perry, Lady Gaga and Adele are facing off for this year's MTV Europe Music Awards.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, file)

LONDON (AP) — Dramatically different divas Lady Gaga, Katy Perry and Adele are facing off for this year's MTV Europe Music Awards.

Flamboyant chanteuse Lady Gaga leads the field with six nominations, including best song and video for "Born This Way," and best live act.

Pop songstress Katy Perry is nominated in the live act, song, pop and female performer categories.

Adele, known for stripped down performances and soulful vocals, is up for four awards: best female act, best British or Irish act, best song and best video, for "Rolling in the Deep."

Other multiple nominees announced Monday include Bruno Mars, with four nominations, and Justin Bieber, with three.

The awards ceremony, held in a different European city each year, will take place in Belfast on Nov. 6. □

Amos gets classically inspired

KAREN HAWKINS
Associated Press

Tori Amos has established herself as an unmistakable musical presence with a distinctive voice, her powerful piano playing and a penchant for lyrics that can be a bit, well, confounding. "Night of Hunters" is packed with those piercing Amos vocals, her dominating piano and a fair share of head-scratching lyrics, this time around a classically inspired theme of re-invention.

"Hunters" is Amos' first release on the Berlin-based classical record label Deutsche Grammophon, and there are clear classical, even operatic influences, from sweeping strings and reedy woodwinds to back Amos' gripping piano ("Nautical Twilight," "Your Ghost," "Seven Sisters.") It's a beautifully composed album that highlights Amos' classical training and her fierce intensity as a musician and songwriter. But long gone are the point-

Cryer gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Two and a Half Men" star Jon Cryer on Monday received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and thanked former co-star Charlie Sheen and the show's co-creators for intervening during last season when troubles arose.

Cryer, 46, was honored with the 2,449th star on the infamous walkway.

Among those who attended were "Two and a Half" creator Chuck Lorre and co-stars Ashton Kutcher and Angus T. Jones.

Kutcher has replaced Sheen on TV's top-rated comedy after Lorre and the Warner Bros. studio feuded with their erratic, hard-partying star. They fired Sheen last March, cutting the series short.

Sheen, however had well wishes for his former show on Sunday during the Emmys.

After recognizing Sheen, Cryer gave props to Lorre and co-creator Lee Aronsohn who "when they saw somebody clearly in distress, they took every possible means to try and help their friend," he said.

"When it came time to make the ultimate decision, which was some place nobody wanted to go, did something that, in my belief, saved my friend



Jon Cryer, left, and Ashton Kutcher present the award for outstanding supporting actress in a drama series at the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011 in Los Angeles. Cryer on Monday received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and thanked former co-star Charlie Sheen and the show's co-creators for intervening during last season when troubles arose.

(AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

Charlie Sheen's life."

Cryer made his film debut in the 1984 romantic comedy "No Small Affair," and was best known for his role as Phil "Duckie"

Dale in "Pretty in Pink" before landing a spot on CBS' "Two and a Half Men." He

has received six consecutive Emmy nominations for supporting actor in a comedy series, winning two years ago.

Cryer also has performed on Broadway in "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Torch Song Trilogy." □



In this CD cover image released by Deutsche Grammophon, the latest release by Tori Amos, "Night of Hunters" is shown.

(AP Photo/Deutsche Grammophon)

edly poignant, and accessible, lyrics of her earlier work.

Amos has said the album uses the structure of a classical song cycle to tell the story of one life-changing night in the life of a woman who is at the end of a relationship. The album allows the listener to "follow her on a journey to explore complex musical and emotional subject matter," Amos says. It is heady stuff, and the complicated narrative probably will elude those uninitiated in Amos-speak. For instance, the song "Cactus Practice," while lovely, includes lines like, "Will you induct me into a drink of the Cactus Practice?" □

Emmy wins satisfy, but the show doesn't

ERIC DEGGANS

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Viewers could be forgiven for feeling a bit of whiplash Sunday night while watching the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards.

That's because, even as the Emmy academy was making some of its most satisfying award choices in recent years handing honors to ABC's Modern Family, Friday Night Lights Kyle Chandler, newcomer Mike & Molly star Melissa McCarthy and longtime actress Margo Martindale it also aired one of the most embarrassing Emmy performances in recent memory. Some of the wins were

to us and said 'You're not just making people laugh, you're making them more tolerant,'?" said executive producer Steven Levitan of Modern Family, which features three related couples, including two gay men.

"They're right we are showing the world there is absolutely nothing wrong with a loving, committed relationship between an old man and hot young woman," Levitan cracked. "And looking around this room tonight, I see many of you agree."

If only the scripted comedy stuff had been that brilliant. Don't blame host and Glee star Jane Lynch, who tried

Lynch even uncorked one of the night's best lines, introducing a certain team of presenters: "A lot of people are very curious why I'm a lesbian. Ladies and gentlemen, the cast of Entourage."

But Emmy controversy sparked before the show barely started, as news broke that a pretaped skit featuring Alec Baldwin cracking a joke about the phone hacking scandal facing mogul Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. was cut from the show. No coincidence that the Emmycast aired on the News Corp.-owned Fox network.

"If I were enmeshed in a



"The Big Bang Theory" actor Jim Parsons, right, winner of the Emmy for best actor in a comedy series is joined by castmate Kaley Cuoco at the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards Governors Ball on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011 in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

mightily expected. Mad Men took home its fourth Emmy as best drama series, while Modern Family won a second time as TV's best comedy and The Daily Show won its ninth Emmy as best variety show.

"A gay couple came up

mightily to elevate a string of lackluster gimmicks, including stars such as Chuck's Zachary Levi and Community's Joel McHale singing harmonized, snarky introductions to awards in a woeful bit called the Emmytones.

scandal where I hacked phones of families of innocent crime victims purely 4 profit, I'd want that 2 go away 2," Baldwin posted on Twitter just before the broadcast started. His part was replaced by Star Trek actor Leonard Nimoy.□

Dolores Hope, wife of Bob Hope, dies at 102

BOB THOMAS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dolores Hope, the sultry-voiced songstress who was married to Bob Hope for 69 years and sometimes sang on his shows for U.S. troops and on his television specials, has died at age 102.

Hope family spokesman Harlan Boll said Hope died Monday of natural causes at home in Los Angeles. He did not elaborate.

Bob Hope died at age 100 on July 27, 2003.

At her 100th birthday party, Hope appeared little changed: Her white hair was richly coiffed, her skin smooth and her voice deep and warm. She was brought to the party in a wheelchair but was alert and happy as she greeted old friends and posed for photographs. Hope mused, "I thought it was going to be just another birthday."

In 1933, when Bob Hope was appearing in his first Broadway show, "Roberta," his friend and fellow cast member George Murphy persuaded him to visit the Vogue Club to "hear a pretty girl sing." She was Dolores Reade, a dark beauty whose singing of "It's Only a Paper Moon" entranced the young comedian.

"I'll never forget what a wonderful singer she was," said Rip Taylor. "In fact, that's how Bob and Dolores met. It seems to me that they were always laughing."

Hope returned every night and soon he was escorting her to her hotel after her shows. They married Feb. 19, 1934, and she quit nightclubs to join his vaudeville act. Then she retired. "Bob was the hot thing in New York then," she recalled in 1997. "I thought I'd better stay home and take care of Bob."

When they moved to Hollywood in 1938 for the beginning of his film career, Dolores stayed home and devoted her time to raising the four children the Hopes adopted: Linda, Anthony, Kelly and Nora.

"I had such a huge admiration for both of them," said Julie Newmar.

"The quality it takes to get just one year older, says a lot about that fact that she lived to 102."

She continued singing at parties, and in the 1940s she began accompanying Hope on his Christmas trips to entertain U.S. troops. In 1966 she sang "Silent Night" to hushed thousands of GI's who then rose and gave her a thunderous ovation, many with tears in their eyes.

In 1990, Mrs. Hope accompanied Bob on his last Christmas visit to American forces, visiting troops who were in Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm. Marie Osmond, Ann Jillian and the Pointer Sisters did not perform, to avoid offending Saudi sensibilities about women entertainers. But Dolores Hope was approved and sang "White Christmas" to a rapt audience.

"She was the first lady of the USO," said Carol Channing. "They didn't come any more patriotic, caring or talented than Dolores."

She was born Dolores DeFina in 1909 in New York's Harlem to an Italian father and Irish mother, and grew up in the Bronx. Her diction faintly echoed the Bronx upbringing.□



Dolores Hope, the widow of legendary comedian Bob Hope, looks on as partygoers sing "Happy Birthday" to her during her 100th birthday party in Los Angeles. Hope, who was married to Bob Hope for 69 years and sang at his shows, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 of natural causes at home in Los Angeles. She was 102.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, file)

For jobs, it's war

CHARLES M. BLOW

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The American political discussion has finally turned to the right target: jobs.

Even so, the president's jobs bill is already being nicked and dined from the right – and the left – even though it is only throwing nickels and dimes at the problem to begin with. But at least it's a start, even if a long-overdue one. To understand just how overdue it is, one need look no further than the absolutely dreadful data issued this week by the Census Bureau about the increasing numbers of people falling into poverty. No matter how you slice it, it's bloody. There are now 46.2 million poor Americans.

Of those, 2.6 million fell into poverty last year. At 15.1 percent, the poverty rate is at its highest since 1993. Bloody, bloody, bloody.

But even those numbers somewhat obscure the true historic nature of the crisis and the effect that the recession, falling wages and chronic joblessness have had on those living in poverty. If you remove children and the elderly and just look at working-age adults – those 18 to 64 – the picture is even more bleak. The percentage of that group that is in poverty is at the highest recorded since President Lyndon B. Johnson declared a “war on poverty” during his first State of the Union address in January 1964.

And it's not that most of these people don't have jobs. It's that they don't have good jobs that pay enough to push them out of poverty. Three out of four of those below the poverty line work: Half have full-time jobs, a quarter work part-time. Only a quarter do not work at all. This raises an important distinction – not only do we need to create more jobs, we need to increase the number of good jobs. And we can't see that quest for good jobs as an internal skirmish between warring political ideologies. It's an international war. At least that is the way Jim Clifton, chairman of Gallup, frames it in his fascinating – and frightening – new book, “The Coming Jobs War.” According to Clifton, “the coming world war is an all-out global war for good jobs.” (He defines a good job, also known as a formal job, as one with a “paycheck from an employer and steady work that averages 30-plus hours per week.”)

In the book he makes this striking statement, drawing from all of Gallup's data: “The primary will of the world is no longer about peace or freedom or even democracy; it is not about having a family, and it is neither about God nor about owning a home or land. The will of the world is first and foremost to have a good job. Everything else comes after that.” The only problem is that there are not enough good jobs to go around. Clifton explains that of the world's 5 billion people over 15 years old, 3 billion said they worked or wanted to work, but there are only 1.2 billion full-time, formal jobs. Therefore his conclusion “from reviewing Gallup's polling on what the world is thinking on pretty

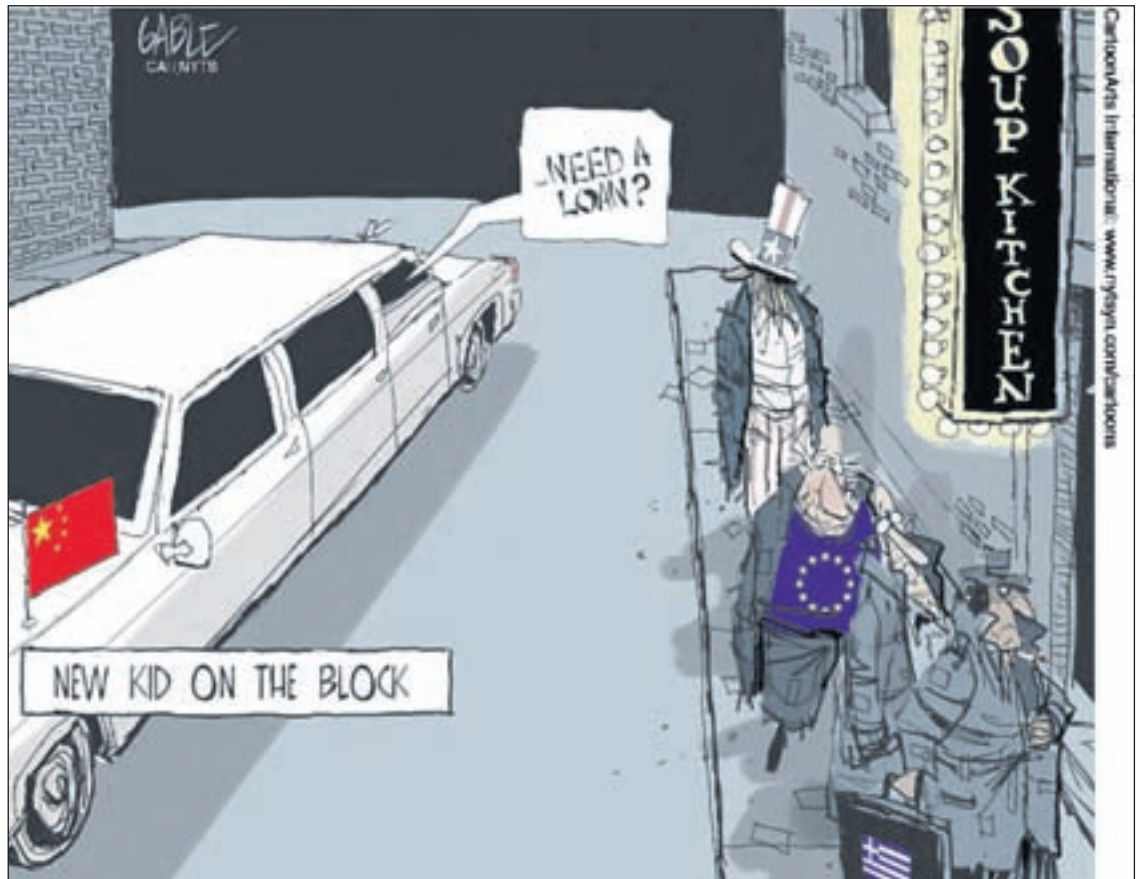
much everything is that the next 30 years won't be led by U.S. political or military force.”

“Instead,” he says, “the world will be led with economic force – a force that is primarily driven by job creation and quality GDP growth.” And guess who is vying for the lead? That's right: China.

And I must say, we don't appear to be poised to fight this war. In education we've gone from leading to lagging, our infrastructure is literally crumbling around us, ever-expanding health care costs threaten to suffocate us and our politics have succumbed to paralysis. A widely-cited 2009 study by the consulting firm McKinsey & Co., “The Economic Impact of the Achievement Gap in America's Schools,” found that the recent American educational achievement gaps – between black and Latino students and white ones; between low-income students and the rest; between low-performing states and the rest; and between the U.S. as a whole and better-performing countries – not only cost the economy trillions of dollars, they also “impose on the United States the economic equivalent of a permanent national recession.”

According to a recent report by the Urban Land Institute and Ernst & Young, China has “about 9 percent of GDP devoted to infrastructure, compared with less than 3 percent in the United States.” And the Report Card for America's Infrastructure graded by the American Society of Civil Engineers in 2009 was so full of Cs and Ds that it looked like Rick Perry's college transcript. The group estimated that \$2.2 trillion of investment over five years was needed to bring conditions up to par. And, a Rand Corp. study released last week found that “between 1999 and 2009, total spending on health care in the U.S. nearly doubled, from \$1.3 trillion to \$2.5 trillion. During the same period, the percentage of the nation's gross domestic product devoted to health care climbed from 13.8 percent to 17.6 percent. Per person health care spending grew from \$4,600 to just over \$8,000 annually.” We simply can't sustain that sort of growth. Clifton enumerates 10 “demands” that America will have to master to “lead the new will of the world” – from drastically increasing exports, to having investments follow “rare entrepreneurs versus the worldwide oversupply of innovation,” to something as basic as doing a better job of identifying where likely customers are. But at the top of the list is understanding that the world has a shortage of good jobs and every decision of every leader must be informed by increasing the share of those jobs. He puts it this way:

“The war for global jobs is like World War II: a war for all the marbles. The global war for jobs determines the leader of the free world. If the United States allows China or any country or region to out-enterprise, out-job-create, out-grow its GDP, everything changes. This is America's next war for everything.” □



Egghead and Blockheads



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WASHINGTON – There are two American archetypes that were sometimes played against each other in old Westerns. The egghead Eastern lawyer who lacks the skills or stomach for a gunfight is contrasted with the tough Western rancher and ace shot who has no patience for book learnin'. The duality of America's creation story was vividly illustrated in “The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance,” the 1962 John Ford Western. Jimmy Stewart is the young attorney who comes West to Shinbone and ends up as a U.S. senator after gaining fame for killing the sadistic outlaw Liberty Valance, played by Lee Marvin. John Wayne is the rancher, a fast-draw Cyrano who hides behind a building and actually shoots Marvin because he knows Stewart is hopeless in a duel. He does it even though they're in love with the same waitress, who chooses the lawyer because he teaches her to read. A lifetime later, on the verge of becoming a vice presidential candidate, Stewart confesses the truth to a Shinbone newspaperman, who refuses to print it. “When the legend becomes fact,” the editor says, “print the legend.”

At the cusp of the 2012 race, we have a classic cultural collision between a skinny Eastern egghead lawyer who's inept in Washing-

ton gunfights and a pistol-totin', lethal-injectin', square-shouldered cowboy who has no patience for book learnin'. Rick Perry, from the West Texas town of Paint Creek, is no John Wayne, even though he has a ton of executions notched on his belt. But he wears a pair of cowboy boots with the legend “Liberty” stitched on one. (As in freedom, not Valance.) He plays up the effete-versus-mesquite stereotypes in his second-grade textbook of a manifesto, “Fed Up!”

Trashing Massachusetts, he writes: “They passed state-run health care, they have sanctioned gay marriage, and they elected Ted Kennedy, John Kerry, and Barney Frank repeatedly – even after actually knowing about them and what they believe! Texans, on the other hand, elect folks like me. You know the type, the kind of guy who goes jogging in the morning, packing a Ruger .380 with laser sights and loaded with hollow-point bullets, and shoots a coyote that is threatening his daughter's dog.” At a recent campaign event in South Carolina, Perry grinned, “I'm actually for gun control – use both hands.” Traveling to Lynchburg, Va., to speak to students at Liberty University (as in Falwell, not Valance), Perry made light of his bad grades at Texas A&M. Studying to be a veterinarian, he stumbled on chemistry and made a D one semester and an F in another. “Four semesters of organic chemistry made a pilot out of me,” said Perry, who went on to join the Air Force. “His other D's,” Richard Oppel wrote in The Times, “included courses in the principles of economics, Shakespeare, ‘Feeds & Feeding,’ veterinary anatomy and what appears to be a course called ‘Meats.’”

He even got a C in gym.

Perry conceded that he “struggled” with college, and told the 13,000 young people in Lynchburg that in high school, he had graduated “in the top 10 of my graduat-

ing class – of 13.”

It's enough to make you long for W.'s Gentleman's C's. At least he was a mediocre student at Yale. Even Newt Gingrich's pseudo-intellectualism is a relief at this point. Our education system is going to hell. Average SAT scores are falling, and America is slipping down the list of nations for college completion. And Rick Perry stands up with a smirk to talk to students about how you can get C's, D's and F's and still run for president. The Texas governor did help his former chief of staff who went to lobby for a pharmaceutical company that donated to Perry, so he at least knows the arithmetic of back scratching. Perry told the students, “God uses broken people to reach a broken world.” What does that even mean? The Republicans are now the “How great is it to be stupid?” party. In perpetrating the idea that there's no intellectual requirement for the office of the presidency, the right wing of the party offers a Farrelly Brothers “Dumb and Dumber” primary in which evolution is avant-garde. Having grown up with a crush on William F. Buckley Jr. for his sesquipedalian facility, it's hard for me to watch the right wing of the GOP revel in anti-intellectualism and anti-science cant. Sarah Palin, who got outraged at a “gotcha” question about what newspapers and magazines she read, is the mother of stupid conservatism. Another “Don't Know Much About History” Tea Party heroine, Michele Bachmann, seems rather proud of not knowing anything, simply repeating nutty, inflammatory medical claims that somebody in the crowd tells her.

So we're choosing between the overintellectualized professor and blockheads boasting about their vacuity?

The occupational hazard of democracy is know-nothing voters. It shouldn't be know-nothing candidates. □

Celebs join front row at London Fashion Week



Members of the audience at a fashion show during The London Fashion Week, include Pippa Middleton, the sister of Britain's Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, right, with American actress Rosario Dawson, left, pictured during the Temperley London Spring/Summer 2012 fashion show held at the British Museum in London, Monday Sept. 19, 2011.

(AP Photo / Katie Collins, PA)

SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — If ever there was a designer who could work endless magic on a single garment, it's Burberry Prorsum's design chief Christopher Bailey

and the luxury brand's signature trench coat. With prints, delicious colors and myriad styles both ladylike and sporty, Bailey wowed a star-studded crowd Monday with dozens of variations of the trench

coat at Burberry's catwalk show for London Fashion Week.

The Burberry show is the weeklong fashion extravaganza's glitziest production, and drew a well-groomed crowd of celebrities including Kanye West, actresses Sienna Miller and Gemma Arterton, and tennis star Andy Murray. Bailey, who has been at the helm of the historic British brand's designs for a decade, has been credited with revitalizing the once-fusty fashion house and boosting its international style credentials. For the spring and summer 2012 season, he dished up a commercially savvy collection that ensured the clothes suited all tastes. The classic waterproof trench — a Victorian-era innovation credited to brand founder Thomas Burberry — appeared variously in a slim-cut, buttery turquoise leather version, or with a feminine, cinched-in and full-skirted silhouette reminiscent of Christian Dior's New Look shape in the 1950s.

It also took the guise of cocoon-shaped jackets with poofy sleeves, as well as cropped, hooded parkas — all retaining the gun flaps, epaulettes and utility features of the original coat. Neutrals were ditched

for rich autumnal hues such as rust, burnt orange, hunter green and mustard, which

the Royal Albert Hall. That is in direct contrast with the instant, online so-



A model presents an outfit by design house Burberry Prorsum at the West Albert Lawns in Kensington Gore, London, during London Fashion week, Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan)

dominated alongside colorful abstract prints that looked tribal and earthy. Raffia was everywhere, and woven, beaded or geometrically shaped embellishments were prominently used on tops, coats, thick belts and oversized bags. "I thought it was fabulous," a smiling Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour said, before disappearing into the crowds. Bailey said he wanted to celebrate traditional craftsmanship, such as hand weaving and beading, that is being forgotten — and to juxtapose that with the digital technology that the brand is embracing. "I like the fact that what we're actually showing takes time. It's slow and it's really beautiful," he told The Associated Press after the show, staged in a conservatory-like tent in Kensington Gardens just across from

cial media-driven marketing strategy that Burberry has been focusing on in the past few seasons. Shows are live-streamed around the world — including on prominent Chinese websites to cater to the brand's significant number of wealthy Chinese customers — and anyone who fancied the brand new runway styles can order them online straight away. On Monday, the company even showed its Twitter fans each model's look before they hit the runway. "We are 155 years old, but it's a very young team," said Bailey, 40. "I just think it's a natural extension of our company." Bailey said he used so much color because he wanted the collection to be "joyous," and guests were pleasantly surprised when the show ended with a burst of copper confetti raining from the ceiling. □



Models display a Spring/Summer design by TCN during the Pasarela Cibeles fashion show, in Madrid, Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

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